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Veterans celebrate 70th anniversary of dramatic rescue with Channel crossing



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DEVELOPER ACCUSED OF 'CON TRICK'

A DEVELOPER has been accused of a "naive confidence trick" in attempting to draw people to an exhibition about proposals to build on a former airfield site.

A leaflet posted through residents' doors in Lympne advertises a number of options to build nearby homes and facilities, inviting them to a public consultation to be held next week.

But local campaigner David Plumstead said the lack of a publisher's address plus the use of a design and vocabulary similar to that of the

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

council could fool people into thinking that development approval had already been given.

Lympne Airfield was identified as a potential site for new-builds last year in the council's Local Development Framework (LDF).

Mr Plumstead said in a letter to council chief executive Alistair Stewart: "To receive such a leaflet, having all the appearance and employing the language and terminology of a council publication, advertising an

exhibition purporting to set out detailed plans for development on the airfield on land that is as yet no more than a potential site for inclusion in the LDF process, is a clear breach of conduct on behalf of the developer, and as it transpires, your executive also.

"It is no less than a naive confidence trick."

He said the same number and website address that appears in the leaflet was displayed in a council LDF advertisement published in newspapers last week and could confuse people into thinking a decision to build had already been taken.

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UPLIFTING SIGHT

A former ticket collector will be one of those taking over the running of the Leas Lift when it comes back into service next month.

Folkestone historian Eamonn Rooney, who previously worked on the lift for 12 years, will be one of the members of the new community group that will manage the Victorian water-balance attraction.

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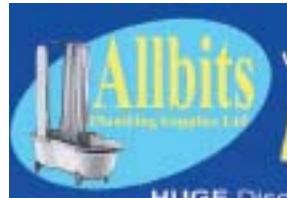
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Awards ceremony celebrates officers' efforts on the beat

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

POLICE officers and PCSOs from Shepway have been recognised for their bravery and good work at a special awards ceremony at Folkestone's Bouverie House.

South Kent area commander Chief Supt Chris Hogben presented the certificates of merit last Friday.

PC Sarah Williams of the Shepway Neighbourhood Task Team was rewarded for her professionalism and commitment in the way she dealt with an incident outside the Co-Op in Cheriton Road, Folkestone in September last year.

Two men and a woman were seen acting aggressively towards passers-by and PC Williams managed to intervene to split them up and prevent what appeared to be the start of a nasty assault.

Assistance

PC Williams detained one of the male offenders for at least two minutes until assistance arrived, despite him struggling to break free.

Acting Sergeant John Weller, PC Darren Hall, PCSO John Knight, PCSO Mark Wilson were on duty last October when they were alerted to a man threatening to kill himself by jumping off the outer harbour wall.

They attempted to calm him down and PC Hall walked along the wall and kept him in conversation, while PCSO Wilson went to the Quayside to collect a life ring and rope.

It was nearly high tide and the conditions were slippery and treacherous and PC Hall saw the opportunity to grab the man round the shoulders and pulled him to



BRAVERY: PC Sarah Williams receives her award from Chief Supt Chris Hogben

safety. The would-be suicide victim was later sectioned under the Mental Health Act.

Police constable for Hythe PC Stuart Duncan was punched in the face while carrying out a stop-and-search in December on a man who was in possession of cannabis.

The man ran off and PC Duncan gave chase on foot while keeping the control centre updated. He eventually caught up with the offender in Seabrook Road and managed to strike him on the leg which made him trip and fall.

PC Duncan managed to handcuff the man despite a further struggle and arrest him for assault on Police and possession of a controlled substance. Despite suffering cuts and bruises PC Duncan did not retire from duty.

Licensing officer PC Chris Stephens was presented with his certificate to recognise his contribution to the dramatic fall in night-time economy crime, particularly in the harbour area.

Since taking over in July 2008, he has made an impact a significant impact on problem premises, bringing two expedited reviews to the Licensing committee in one week, both of which were successful.

'Airfield is one of a number of strategic sites'

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In the letter, Mr Plumstead, who is head of the Shepway Environment and Community Network, wrote: "You are complicit in this outrageous, and we suggest illegal attempt to subvert residents' thinking, and to repeat a phrase frequently heard in council circles, you have 'fettered your discretion'.

"Like the King ultimately seen to be wearing no clothes, your executive has lost any claim to impartial and objective governance.

"The leaflet and the advertisement, separately or together, amount to the perversion of the democratic process and seriously compromise the impartial circumstance in which residents are expected to take a view on what they think of the proposal."

In response, a council spokesman said: "We reiterate that the Lympne Airfield site is one of a number of strategic sites within the Shepway LDF Core Strategy Preferred Options Document – the planning blueprint for future land use in the district.

Views

"The council has asked owners of these sites to carry out public consultation to find out local people's views of the development options.

"The final decision on what sites are included in the final Core Strategy has yet to be made and will be informed by public response.

"We therefore encourage residents in Lympne to go to the public exhibitions being organised by the site owners. Feedback from these exhibitions will be forwarded to us here at Shepway council."

Philip Jones from the Somerston Group, said: "The airfield has been continuously owned by a subsidiary of the Somerston Group since the closure of the airport in the early 1970s.

"It was agreed with Shepway council that as part of developing the Local Development Framework Core Strategy, the team would undertake a public consultation, the process for which is set out in the newsletter distributed to all residents of the parish of Lympne."

• The exhibitions are due to be held at Lympne village hall on Monday June 7 at 4:30-8pm and Tuesday 8 from 1pm-6pm. To find out more go to www.lympneconsultation.org.uk.

Howard successor's Dungeness plea

NEW MP Damian Collins has used his maiden Commons speech to praise his predecessor Michael Howard and press the case for a new Dungeness power station.

Standing up in the chamber for the first time during a debate on Energy and Environment, he said Mr Howard was "possibly the finest Home Secretary that this country has seen since the war" and that he would be fondly remembered for his 27 years' constituency service.

Conservative Damian Collins was elected to represent Folkestone and Hythe last month with a near 50 per cent share of the vote, succeeding Mr Howard in the role despite a slight swing to the Liberal Democrats.

During his time in government, Mr Howard was first Environment Secretary then Employment Secretary before taking over at the Home Office, where he was widely credited with reducing crime by 18 per cent over four years and leading the Tories at the 2005 General Election.

Mr Collins quoted Prime Minister David Cameron, who said in a recently-published book that Michael Howard "had one of those brilliant lawyerly minds that meant he could win an argument even when he was in the wrong".

Describing the history of the constituency, parts of which date back to the first parliament in 1265, Mr Collins said he was conscious of following in the footsteps of its distinguished previous representatives.

These include the Victorian railway magnate Sir Edward Watkin – who attempted to build the first channel tunnel – and Sir Philip Sassoon, who created the Port Lympne estate and was cousin of war poet Siegfried Sassoon.

About Dungeness, the Shepway MP said there had been a "long-held assumption" a new reactor would be part of a new generation of nuclear power stations, until it was removed from the shortlist last autumn.

"In conclusion, my constituents believe that having a sustainable



MAIDEN SPEECH: New MP Damian Collins

environment is foremost among everyone's interests in the decades ahead, but we should also have a sustainable sense of opportunity for people, so that there is an opportunity for work, for a decent life, and for people to provide for their families and children."

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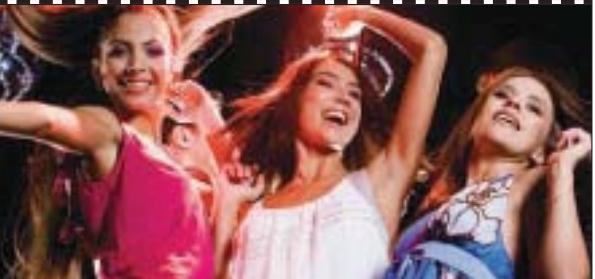
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Funds to renovate disused homes

Interest free loans to make properties fit for the rental market

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

AN EXTRA £2.2 million has been pledged by local authorities to help bring empty homes in Dover, Thanet and Shepway back into use.

The interest-free loans will be used by the new owners to renovate their derelict and run-down properties, at a time when the recession means it is difficult to borrow money from high street banks.

The No Use Empty scheme is an attempt to deal with the county's estimated 18,400 homes left unoccupied, which can blight neighbourhoods and attract vandalism while adding to the pressure on housing demand.

Outcry

The reason why they may be empty long-term is either because the owner hasn't got the time or resources to bring it back into use or doesn't realise the huge outcry for places to live.

In Thanet, several new loans have been awarded totaling £1m, the most awarded in any district so far and £800,000 of which was handed out over the past year.

A Cliftonville property which was originally part of The Landmark Hotel has been given £175,000 to convert it in keeping with its historic character and style.

Since being derelict for some time it was taken over by squatters and vandals. The loan will go towards the estimated £400,000



SUCH A WASTE: Neglected property in Dover, Shepway and Thanet is set to benefit from the No Use Empty scheme

cost of turning it into 14 two-bedroom apartments to be let.

A £135,000 loan has been granted to another Cliftonville home dating from the 19th century to convert it into eight self-contained two-bedroom flats.

Granville House, a former hotel in Ramsgate on the seafront in Victoria Parade has also been lent £50,000 for two apartments, together with an 1850s two-storey middle terraced house in the town which has been given £25,000.

In Dover a total of £800,000 has been lent, including £42,000 towards the refurbishment of a circa 1890 four-storey, mid-terrace house behind the town's Priory rail station. The property will provide three self-contained units.

The former Cliff Court Hotel, close to the Eastern Docks, has been given £125,000 for its redevelopment, whose three terrace properties have a seafront location dating back some 150 years. It has been given planning permission for 22 flats across all three houses, providing welcome relief for the area.



In Shepway loans totaling £70,000 were granted over the last 12 months, with several more due to be processed for this financial year.

The first batch of loans totaling £170,000 have been distributed in the district, including the refurbishment of a Victorian property in Folkestone's Bouvier Place as well as in Tontine Street, London Street and Pavilion Road.

One of the scheme's partners Kent County Council has committed at least £5 million support towards helping owners of empty properties pay for necessary renovations, with research showing the cost of such works is one of the biggest obstacles to bringing these homes back into use.

The loan scheme is intended for any owner of an empty property, or someone who is considering buying a property if it has been empty for six months or more.

They can apply for an interest-free loan of up to £25,000 per unit to a maximum of £175,000, which is made as an upfront payment. Loans will also be considered for applications

Councils unite in bid to save cash and cut tenancy waiting lists

SHEPWAY, Dover, Thanet and Canterbury councils are pooling resources to manage their houses and tenants, and hope to save £1.5 million between them over five years in the process.

It will mean shorter waiting lists and councils promise better service – but each council will lose around 10 posts.

Velia Coffey, director of community services at Canterbury council, said: "This is a really exciting proposal to bring together the housing services of four local authorities.

"Each of us has pockets of good practice we can share. We can also make savings by working together. The way housing finance works is that every penny of saving we make can be ploughed back into services for tenants."

"This is a more effective way of running our operations. At the moment we do everything four times and there are some areas where we don't need to be doing that."

• **It needs the support of tenants and there will be roadshows and information. Find out more at www.shepway.gov.uk/sharedhousing.**

to convert commercial properties into residential accommodation.

KCC Cabinet member for regeneration Kevin Lines said: "We're so pleased we have been able to assist more people in giving a new lease of life to so many empty homes, and that the initiative in Kent is proving a valuable option for those who are finding it hard to raise money for these projects."

• **To find out more, call the No Use Empty hotline on 08458 247605 or visit www.no-use-empty.org.**

Amputee bid for Channel record

A MULTIPLE amputee is hoping to earn himself a place in the record books by swimming the Channel from Folkestone in just 24 hours.

Frenchman Philippe Croizon, who lost his arms and legs in a freak electricity accident, will attempt to complete the 22-mile journey using specially-designed prosthetic fins.

If successful, he will become the first quadruple amputee to cross the famous stretch of water, where he intends to land at Cap-Gris-Nez between Boulogne and Calais.

Mr Croizon, 42, from Châtellerault in the Vienne, suffered the accident in 1994 when his limbs had to be amputated after he received a shock of 20,000 volts through his body.

It happened when the TV aerial he was trying to fix touched an overhead cable. While in hospital, the scuba diving enthusiast vowed not to be defeated and has trained up to 30 hours a week to build up his muscles and stamina.

French newspaper The Connexion reports that coastguards in the Charente-Maritime have accompanied Mr Croizon's training sessions in the bay at La Rochelle, to help him get used to swimming against the tide.

He told the Sud-Ouest newspaper: "The more I practise swimming in the sea, the more I feel confident and ready to realise my dream."

You can follow his preparations for his swim, planned for September, online at www.philippe-croizon.com.

Trial clinic at GPs to relieve skin ailments

THE NHS is setting up a six-month trial in Sellindge to deal with patients' skin conditions.

Dermatology consultants Dr Kurt Ayerst, who is based at William Harvey and Dr Catriona Irvine from Kent and Canterbury Hospital, are setting up the monthly clinics at a doctor's practice in the village.

The consultants will be supported by nurse Ruth Wright who has had received additional training in dermatology.

They will diagnose, treat and monitor skin conditions, such as psoriasis, severe eczema, facial rashes and birth marks.

However, patients with skin cancer will continue to be referred to a hospital.

It is hoped the clinics will be rolled out across the whole of the Eastern and Coastal Kent area if the trial is a success.

Practice GP Dr Giuseppina Del Bianco said: "This is good news for our patients. By offering this service, patients will be seen more quickly and their medical and drug history is available to the visiting consultant."

"They can be monitored closer to home and avoid a trip to hospital.



SORE POINT: Patients with skin complaints such as eczema will be able to visit clinic

We are hoping to improve the knowledge and training of all our doctors and nurses which will have the benefit of reducing the number of patients having to go to hospital."

Sue Luff, commissioner for dermatology services for NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent said: "Patients have been telling us they would like services closer to home. We will be looking at how the project is progressing with a view to setting up similar clinics in other parts of eastern and coastal Kent."

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FUTURE PLANS: Members of the board of the Port of Dover address workers concerned about sell-off plans

Workers seek reassurance at port meeting

ASSURANCES for the future of workers at the Port of Dover if it is to be sold into the private sector were sought when bosses took the floor at a public meeting.

Members of the board of the port re-emphasised their commitment to looking for public investment in its development – which would mean it would not have to be sold off into private hands.

Deal town councillor and ferry worker Bryan Henderson asked for assurances that if shares in a newly-privatised port were made available, they would be open for purchase by all employees.

"Everyone – not just directors – should have the opportunity to purchase shares on an equal basis," said Cllr Henderson.

Chairman of the board Roger Mountford said the idea was that all employees would be able to participate in any share scheme,

■ BY NICK AMES

but exact details had not yet been worked out.

"The structure will be made available at a later stage," he told the audience in Dover.

Vic Matcham, who stood as a UKIP candidate for Dover and Deal in the recent General Election, asked whether, if the port was not sold off, the proposed increased capacity for shipping could still be developed.

He was told it would still be possible, but cash reserves would probably not be available in time to keep to the current plan, which would see the greater capacity introduced between 2016 and 2020.

Port Chief Executive Dr Bob Goldfield told the audience that no discussions with potential buyers were yet taking place.

The meeting was also told that bosses felt a sell-off was still likely, even after the recent change of Government.

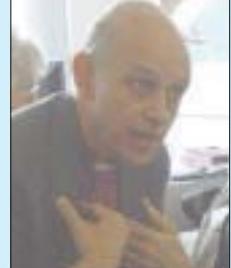
Bishop praises volunteers for their work with immigrants

VOLUNTEERS who work with detained immigrants were praised by the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Trevor Willmott.

He was visiting the Dover Detainee Visitor Centre, which co-ordinates help for people in detention while asylum and immigration claims are processed. The group also helps former detainees adjust to life in the UK.

The bishop, pictured, has a great interest in social welfare and heard about the work of the volunteers and staff.

He said he accepted the need for detention regulations. However he said it was important not to deal in



stereotypes and realise each person was an individual whose rights should be respected.

"The principles of human dignity, community, the breaking down of barriers and stereotypes are very important," said the Rev Willmott.

"People who act on these principles are brother and sister to me."

Emphasising that the Church worked on a cross-faith basis and would assist everyone in need, he said that the spirit of volunteering was one of which people in Britain should be proud.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Housing plans revealed

A NEW housing strategy for 2010-2015 has been put forward by Dover District Council who would like to know residents' views.

The council says it recognises that access to good-quality affordable housing is at the heart of the social and economic well-being of communities.

A spokesman said: "Our housing strategy should therefore identify the key housing issues that matter most and set objectives for the council and its partners to achieve, which will make a real difference to local people."

The housing priorities in the draft plan include delivering housing growth in support of regeneration and economic development objectives as well as more affordable homes.

The authority also says it wants to improve existing housing stock and address social and health inequality by enabling vulnerable people to access good quality housing and to live independently.

Drugs haul on cruise ship

A TOTAL of £1.4 million of cocaine has been discovered on a cruise ship at the Port of Dover.

UK Border Agency officers found about 35 kilos after searching the MSC Opera when it arrived in the port from Brazil on its way to Amsterdam.

Eight passengers from Latvia and Lithuania were arrested after the drugs were found in cabins. All have denied drug smuggling and pleaded not guilty.

A spokesman for the agency said: "Our officers operate maximum vigilance to prevent drugs reaching our streets."

Music firm's new owners

FORMER Royal Marine Mike Scurfield and his daughter Kerry Wilton are the new owners of local military band recording and promotions company Cinque Port Music.

They take over from Walmer couple Pam and Steve Misson who have decided to retire.

Pam and Steve are well-known for their work in promoting band concerts and bringing top bands to the Memorial Bandstand.

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RESCUE: Plucked off the beaches at Dunkirk in 1940



THE legend of the Little Ships lives on.

In Ramsgate last week dozens of craft sailed into the harbour to re-enact the miraculous rescue of thousands upon thousands of Allied troops from the beaches of Dunkirk 70 years ago.

Ships of all shapes and sizes moored up as part of the town's Dynamo Day celebrations on Thursday, which attracted thousands of people.

The event marked the feat of the rescue as well as the town's part in the rescue of some 358,000 servicemen from Normandy as the Nazis made their relentless push to the French beaches.

Tom Tit

No better example of the Dunkirk spirit exists than the story of the vessel Tom Tit.

The boat made 16 trips back and forth to larger carrier vessels during the extraordinary evacuation effort.

It was taken without permission from Ramsgate harbour by two young Thanet brothers, Ron and Alan Tomlinson, who worked for local firm Claxton Shipwrights.

Their only thought was to help the evacuation and they took off across the Channel with not a thought for their own safety.

The brothers feared they would get in trou-

The Little Ships that achieved big things

Last week was the 70th anniversary of the 1940 Dunkirk evacuation. Reporters Tom Betts and Nick Ames saw celebrations on both sides of the Channel to remember the heroes... and the little ships

ble for their efforts and be arrested, but they were rightly commended and praised for their bravery when they arrived back home.

The Tom Tit is now under the ownership of skipper Trevor Phillips, who believes it may have helped rescue up to 500 men and was one of the last boats able to rescue troops from a pier as the Germans were right at the other end.

He said: "What they did was a seriously dangerous thing. The boat caught fire twice! These lads were determined to do their bit and that's a fantastic achievement on their part."

Mr Phillips keeps the boat in first-class order and it spends most of its time in the Thames near his home in Weybridge, Surrey.

The Tom Tit, a port-cruiser, was among the 50 boats that made the crossing to Dunkirk last week.

Many of those who sail the Little Ships say they feel more like custodians of pieces of his-

tory than mere boat-owners.

Tony Farncombe, skipper of the Wanda, a motor-cruiser, said: "I'm very proud to be an owner of a Dunkirk Little Ship."

History

"It's also something that you are very concerned about. You are the keeper of a piece of history and you are passing something on.

"It's a responsibility you have. These boats die very quickly if they don't get regular attention. We have to look after them."

Ian Gilbert owns the motor-yacht Papillon, which was built in 1930.

He said: "When I had the chance to buy a Dunkirk Little Ship, it seemed too good an opportunity to miss, but these are pieces of history and we must remember that and maintain them in such a way."

"This is my third return and every five years

it becomes more of an occasion – it's a fabulous thing to be involved in.

"It's wonderful that Operation Dynamo and the sacrifices that were made on the beaches is being remembered. It's going to be a big celebration in France this weekend."

Ray Dunstone of the Angele Aline, one of the oldest boats to make the intrepid voyage in 1940, also sailed across.

He said: "The Angele Aline is thought to have saved more than 300 soldiers during the Dunkirk rescue, according to records.

"I bought the Angele in 2007 and it's tremendous to be a part of these commemorations when you think about it. It's incredible."

Hundreds of war veterans turned out for Dynamo Day and the town buzzed with people as Forces sweetheart Kas sang standards such as The White Cliffs of Dover to crowds.

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SALUTE: Scots Guard Piper heralded the arrival of the veterans to Dunkirk



REMEMBER: The Little Ships arrive off the French coast, left; Veterans recall the dark days of 1940 and the rescue mission, middle; school children from Kent fly the flags in celebration



The Dunkirk Spirit is alive and well

TALES of heroism, miraculous escapes and tragedy were all shared by Second World War veterans as they paid respects to fallen comrades and remembered the events of 70 years ago in Dunkirk, last week.

The anniversary marked the evacuation of the French port, codenamed Operation Dynamo, which took place between May 26 and June 4, 1940.

A flotilla of 900 naval and civilian craft was sent across the Channel under RAF protection and managed to rescue 338,226 people.

During the evacuation, the Luftwaffe attacks reduced the town of Dunkirk to rubble and destroyed 235 vessels and 106 aircraft.

At least 5,000 soldiers lost their lives.

Although the Germans took more than a million Allied prisoners in three weeks at a cost of 60,000 casualties, the evacuation was a major boost to British morale.

Hundreds of small vessels set sail to bring the troops off the beaches after an order was issued on BBC Radio to "all owners of self-propelled pleasure craft between 30 and 100 feet in length to send all particulars to the Admiralty".

The Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, described the "miracle of deliverance" from

Dunkirk and warned of an impending invasion in a moving speech to Parliament on the day the last allied soldier arrived home at the end of the 10-day operation.

The 'Dunkirk Spirit' has passed into British folklore and the originators of that phrase remembered proudly the events of early summer 1940.

Veterans, along with guests, schoolchildren and representatives of the Help for Heroes charity arrived in Dunkirk on the Norfolkline ship Maersk Dover accompanied by the Parachute Regimental Band.

Many of the remaining Little Ships also made the crossing for remembrance ceremonies in Dunkirk.

Michael Weller-Bentall, now 89, and with family in Ashford, remembers Dunkirk being like "Dante's Inferno".

He said: "When we reached the town it was on fire. Boats were sunk all along the port. It was like something from Dante's Inferno."

"But I saw a little boat on the edge of the water and it had oars on board. I knew how to row so we made it out to a minesweeper."

On board the ship the rescued soldiers had another slice of luck.

"A dive bomber dropped its bomb straight

into our ammunition compartment," said Mr Weller-Bentall who now lives in Canada and walked to the beaches of Dunkirk over a period of days from near Brussels as the British Army retreated.

"If we hadn't run out we'd have been blown to pieces. I knew nothing about it, though.

"I was asleep and only woke up when we reached Sheerness.

"But if it had gone off I'd have been at the bottom of the Channel."

George Kemp of the Queen's Cameron Highlanders joined the Army in 1940 after seeing footage of the Dunkirk evacuation on the cinema news.

He said: "I knocked two years off my age in order to join up. So the Army still thinks I'm 88 but actually I'm 86."

"It's an honour to pay tribute to the men of Dunkirk today."

"It's great to meet up with some of my former comrades and it's also great to see many current soldiers giving us so much respect."

The ship carrying the veterans left the Port of Dover after an address from Lord Lieutenant of Kent Allan Willett who praised the courage of the men who fought 70 years ago and to the sound of the Parachute Regiment band. NA

in the harbour area, where members of the public were invited to meet Little Ships owners and crews where the boats were moored.

Many, such as Ian Frank from Dover, took the chance to board vessels.

He said: "I wanted to come today to see the Little Ships for myself."

"With it being the 70th anniversary, I thought it the ideal time to come down."

"The skippers of the boats I have talked to are all dedicated to keeping them alive and working, which is great to see."

"It's such an inspiring event and I hope the crossing goes well for them tomorrow."

"Dunkirk was not a military triumph as it marked our retreat, but it did show our spirit and camaraderie as never before and probably never since." TB



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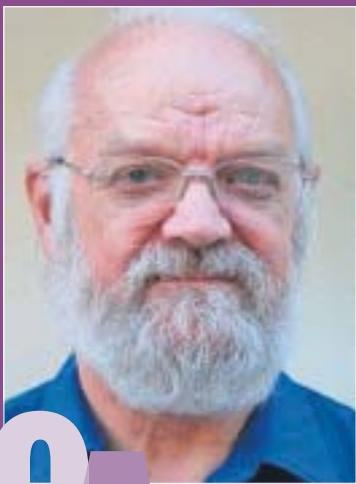
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Q & A

Reporter Jenny Armstrong talks to the president of the Liberal Party in 1978-9, who is a leading election expert and a Canterbury councillor, about the changing face of the electorate and the future of the city

Q Did the local vote demonstrate anything to you?

A Yes. It showed the Canterbury constituency is less Conservative than people believe.

If you look at all the Kent constituencies it is the second least Conservative. Dover is the least Conservative, where the Conservatives polled 44 per cent. Canterbury, next, with 44.8 per cent, and then there are constituencies like Dartford with 48.8 per cent, Rochester with 49.2 per cent, Sittingbourne and Sheppey with 50 per cent. They were all held by Labour until the election and yet the Conservative share of the vote is higher. The split of votes in the past has made Canterbury appear more Conservative than it really is.

Q How does this year's result compare with last year's?

A Just look at the seats around Canterbury to see what happened to the Conservative vote in the last five years. In Faversham it went up six per cent, in Ashford it went up 2.7 per cent, in Folkestone it didn't go up, I think essentially because Michael Howard had a strong personal vote. In Dover the Conservative share of the vote went up nine per cent. In Thanet North it went up 4.7 per cent, and in Thanet South the Conservative share of the vote went up 6.8 per cent. So, if the Conservatives had done in Canterbury as they were doing in surrounding constituencies, the vote went up a measly 0.3 per cent.

Q Why has this happened?

A I think there are two reasons. One is that the Conservatives are not so popular in Canterbury for political reasons. Secondly, the social character of the constituency is changing.

All university seats, which are situated in what used to be Conservative strongholds, have steadily become more left-wing in their voting behaviour. It is not just students of course; it is all the things that come with students, which includes the teaching staff, the young people who come to the city as students then stay on to work.

The Canterbury I knew as a boy was a farmers' market town. It had a strong Church of England and Army presence, unlike the vibrant and metropolitan feel it has today.

Q Is it likely to continue changing?

A Yes. It is built into what has happened here. All the Conservative voters in the larger, suburban houses are either moving out or dying off, to be replaced by younger people whose voting habits are less class-bound and tend, if they are professional and well-educated, to be more to the left. This doesn't mean any one party – the Greens do very well in cities like this. The Greens did well in the European elections here and they won a seat in Brighton, a not dissimilar constituency.

Q How has the area changed?

A When I was a boy Canterbury council, that is the historic area of Canterbury city, had 32 members. There were normally 30, 31 or 32 Conservatives, and one or two Labour.

Canterbury was so old-fashioned. Now it is a much more vibrant and outgoing place. The university opened in the late 1970s, Labour took control of the old Canterbury area in the early 70s, I think 1971.

Now within the bigger Canterbury district, which is all the villages, Whitstable and Herne Bay, the historic city of Canterbury is only a small part. In Canterbury itself there are 14 councillors, 11 Liberal, three Conservative and no Labour.

Q What does this mean?

A It means the Liberals are better placed next time. But in the 2005 election there is no doubt in Whitstable that Labour was clearly stronger.

Liberal-minded, green, centre-left voters wanted to say who has got the best chance of beating the Tories. If they lived in Whitstable they chose Labour; if they lived in Canterbury itself they chose the Liberal Democrats.

Hence the tactical vote was split. Now it has become clear and that alters the game of politics in Canterbury very considerably.



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Getting involved in the World Cup this summer

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

ENGLAND manager Fabio Capello has backed KOS Media's new Fab Football 2010 campaign aimed at increasing participation in the sport.

Ahead of leading the Three Lions into battle at next month's World Cup, the Italian supremo is fighting our corner as we attempt to lure people away from their television sets and onto the field of play.

The campaign we are launching today – which also has the backing of FA vice-chairman Barry Bright and sports minister Hugh Robertson – will highlight the health and social benefits of playing football, as well as provide information on how disabled people, women and other minority groups can get involved.

It will also demonstrate how the FA's ongoing Respect campaign is having a positive influence on the lives of children and their parents and teachers throughout Kent.

Capello said: "In England we each share a wonderful passion for the game, and I'm sure KOS Media's Fab Football campaign will be a positive experience for the whole county.

"It is a great opportunity for players, children and families to get involved in football and inspire a new generation."

With more than 3,000 teams and 45,000 players competing each week across the county, football is already the most popular sport in Kent – but we want even more people to enjoy the many benefits of the beautiful game.

Over the next few months we will be talking to health chiefs



FOOTBALL FANS: England manager Fabio Capello backs our campaign; and left, England player Wayne Rooney

about how football can help in the fight against problems such as obesity and heart disease, as well as to the police about how it can cut crime and improve communities.

We will also be offering some fantastic competition prizes.

Kent County FA chairman Barry Bright said: "We welcome and are delighted to give wholesome support to KOS Media's Fab Football Campaign.

Benefits

"With the excitement of the World Cup less than a fortnight away, there is a great opportunity to further raise the profile of England's most popular sport.

"So while cheering England to success, don't just sit in your armchair watching the games – now is the time to find out about the many ways you can

actively get involved in the fun, enjoyment and success of football in Kent."

Sports minister Hugh Robertson – the MP for Faversham and Mid Kent – has also given his full support to the Fab Football campaign.

He said: "If there's one event that can inspire more young people to take up football, it's the World Cup.

"As well as the obvious health benefits, the sport brings together people from all communities and has a truly global appeal.

"As sports and Olympics minister, my top priority is to extend the opportunities available through sport to the maximum number of people so I would encourage all of the young people in Kent to get involved in the beautiful game."

What areas of the sport would you like our Fab Football campaign to cover? We're appealing for all young footballers, Sunday league players and semi-professional clubs to get in touch and let us know.

Send your suggestions to KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, TN25 6SS or email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk.

It's a radio return for popular Geoff

GEOFF Clark's new radio show, Lazy Sunday Afternoons, launches this weekend on BBC Radio Kent from 2-5pm.

The former BBC South East presenter, is going back to his roots to create the perfect accompaniment to Sunday afternoons.

Geoff will be taking calls and making sure listeners get the latest sport and travel information while playing great music past and present.

Plus he's keen for listeners to shun their PCs as he will be encouraging them to write in with their thoughts, views and requests.

Geoff said: "I am really looking forward to being part of BBC Radio Kent and especially hearing from listeners. Radio is a lot more personal than television; you have a different relationship with your audience. "I started in radio way back when and have always loved it.

"You can just get stuck in plus I get to play loads of my favourite music. What could be better than that?"



ON AIR: Geoff Clark

Changes to planning process welcomed as a positive move

A SHAKE-UP of the planning system that promises more power for local authorities has been welcomed in Kent.

The government proposals announced last week include the abolition of the Infrastructure Planning Commission and the scrapping of the South East Plan, which set specific housing targets for towns throughout the region.

Sean Furey, deputy director of the Protect Kent, the county's branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, said there were a lot of things to be positive about.

"It's potentially a good thing if we're going to see more local decision-making," he said.

"The point of all the regional plans was so central government could devolve to local planners, but it ended up being the other way around. The power went the wrong way and a lot of things were imposed on Kent as a result. Hopefully this trend can now be reversed because local authorities know the local issues better."

The official aim of the South East Plan was to ensure the region remained "economically successful and an attractive place to live for future generations".

A final version of the document was published by the former Labour government in May last year, and included a housing target of 32,700 homes per year up to 2026.

Mr Furey said he was pleased these targets would now be removed but was concerned it could undermine the regeneration efforts in towns like Ashford, Dover, Sittingbourne and Dartford.

He also voiced his support for the removal of policy support for rail-freight depots, which he said could kill off the proposed BIG depot at Wrotham, Platt and Borough Green.

Kent County Council leader Paul Carter admitted it was "back to the drawing board" for many schemes, adding that some would never have been successful anyway.

Cllr Carter said he was also pleased to see the back of the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC), which has only been accepting applications for major projects such as power stations and wind farms since March this year.

His view that it was an unelected quango that "got in the way" was backed by Mr Furey, who added that there was "very little democratic accountability".

Stopping hospital superbug outbreak is in all our hands

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A HEALTH watchdog has warned of a potential superbug infection outbreak if hospital staff fail to prioritise hand hygiene.

It follows a study of eight of the county's hospitals where bacteria linked to MRSA and Clostridium difficile was found on some wards.

Health experts have now issued a stark warning to hospitals, reminding them of the C diff outbreak at the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust where 90 patients died between 2004 and 2006 across its three hospitals.

Officials from Kent and Medway Local Involvement Network (LINK), who carried out the research, said they understood infection rates were falling across the county, but stressed that hand hygiene standards must be kept up.

Graham Hills, operations director of the organisation, which looks to improve health and social care in Kent and Medway, said some of their findings were "disturbing".

"MRSA and C diff rates are dropping so the high-profile messages by hospitals to use hand gels are having some impact, but it's the inconsistency of use by staff and visitors that is concerning," he said.

"On swabs taken around hospitals, we found bacteria which could pose a risk to patients' health at nurses' stations – such as computer keyboards – bathrooms and patients' bedside.

"Some of the bacteria we found was part of the MRSA and C diff bacteria groups. We don't want to see another infection outbreak."

Research was carried out between September, 2009, and March, 2010, at William Harvey Hospital in Ashford; Kent and Canterbury in Canterbury; Darent Valley in Dartford; Medway Maritime in Gillingham; Maidstone Hospital; Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in Margate; Kent and Sussex in Tunbridge Wells; and Pembury, also in Tunbridge Wells.

Hygiene

A total of 1,353 observations were made of staff, patients and visitors using hand hygiene gel dispensers, and 145 swab samples taken from around the hospitals.

Levels of compliance varied from 80 per cent down to less than 20 per cent, with observations of use at the entrance to wards being lowest at the William Harvey, which is run by the East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.

The highest usage was seen at Pembury – one of the hospitals embroiled in the superbug scandal three years ago.

Mr Hills said while he realises it is impossible to create environments that are totally bacteria-free, contamination at key places indicates less than perfect cleaning systems.

Seven of the 145 swabs taken – four from computer keys, two from hot taps and one from unisex public toilets – found bacteria linked to MRSA.

Hazel Brain, a volunteer who helped carry out the study, said: "What we found most disappointing was that so many people moving around the hospital were not making enough use of the facilities provided for them."

But NHS trusts, who welcomed the report, have stressed cleanliness is a priority, proven by the sharp fall in infection rates.

Linda Dempster, head of infection prevention and control at Medway NHS Foundation Trust – where rates of MRSA have fallen by 77 per cent in the last four years – said the researchers did not view every area of the hospitals: "They did not see point of care where hand hygiene is vital because we couldn't let researchers right next to the patients," she said.

"Also, in regards to random swabbing, if something has only just been used it may have bacteria on it, but this will be cleaned."

"If staff see people not complying with hand rubs they'll speak to them, but it's difficult to police them 24/7."

BREAK TIME

Sophie tees off for promising career

A MARSH ACADEMY student has been crowned Champion of Champions after winning a competition at Sittingbourne Golf Club.

Sophie, 16, was up against the Ladies Champions from golf clubs across Kent, and won the competition with an impressive gross 75.

This is the latest in a long line of successes for Sophie, who started playing the sport seriously just three years ago and plays for Littlestone Golf Club.

Recent achievements include being selected to train with the Kent Ladies First Team, qualifying for the top flight of the match play rounds of the England Girls Under-18s Championships, becoming the 2009 Littlestone Ladies Club Champion and winning the Littlestone Golf Club's Queens Own Buffs competition for the second time in March.

She also became the Kent Schools Girls Champion on April 26 and has managed to get her handicap down to just 4, and is aiming to get down to scratch or plus one.

Sophie is now on the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence in Golf programme, for young players who are seeking to perform at the highest level as their main career goal. This will give her a structured training and development route to help her achieve her goal of representing England.



On-site farm earns school specialist rural status

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

BROCKHILL Park's on-site farm has been recognised for its good work after it was granted Rural Dimension specialist status.

The Mayors of Folkestone and Hythe, together with Brenda Ainsley from the Specialist Schools & Academies Trust (SSAT), were there at the school to present the award to principal Sonette Schwartz, in front of a marquee packed with guests, teachers and the school's Young Farmers Club.

Ms Ainsley said: "The award means that the Government is satisfied that the school is offering young people the opportunity to learn about the countryside, farming and rural affairs, and we are delighted that Brockhill has been accredited by the Department of Education as a Rural Dimension School."

Guests were treated to tours around the farm's learning zones, where they watched as the Young Farmers, animal care and science students and members of Brockhill's horse club presented the farm's animals to them.

Zones included the Young Farmers demonstrating how to halter and show a lamb, and animal care students showing their reptile handling and knowledge of the school's iguana, Taiwanese Beauty snake and Bearded Dragons.

Members of the horse club explained how to groom the school's horses and A-Level biology students talked about their recent trip to the Maldives and their links with the Maldives Whale Shark Research Programme.



ANIMAL CARE: Pupils from Brockhill Park Young Farmers' Club show how to halter a lamb on the school's farm

Another zone presented the outcome of Farm Fortnight in March when every department came down on to the school farm to teach a lesson or use the farm environment as a stimulus. This zone included a video made by year 9 creative and media diploma students.

Guests dined on the school farm's home-reared pork and sausages. YFC leader Donna Hawkes said: "We were delighted with the day. It was a real celebration of our farm, and we felt it important that guests tried our own meat, which we are very proud of.

"We produce home-reared lamb beef and

pork including different flavours of sausage."

An open farm afternoon followed, where visitors watched a demonstration by sheep shearer Paul Ashlee from Rye, East Sussex.

Visitors enjoyed cream teas in the marquee served by the Friends of Brockhill, a new organisation which raises funds for projects at the Saltwood school.

Ms Hawkes said: "We would like to thank Kent Wool Growers, Eastpoint Vets and Duffields mill at Wingham for generously sponsoring our event, which allowed us to celebrate our achievement in style."

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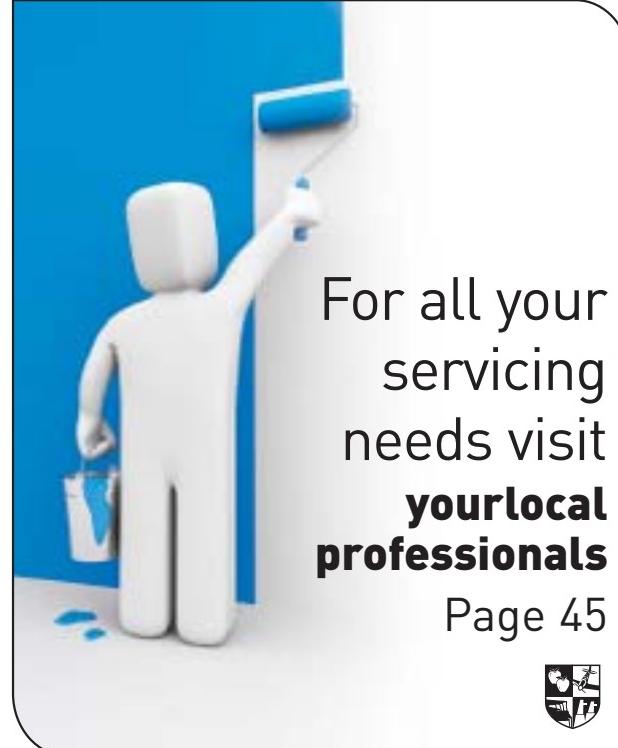
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SNOW GO: KCC is slammed after roads turned to chaos during one of the worst winters in Kent for 30 years

Winter was cold hard lesson for highway service

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

"DISJOINTED and poorly prepared" is how district council chiefs have described Kent's response to the chaotic snowstorms of last winter.

Roads were gridlocked, ferries delayed and trains cancelled during the worst period of icy weather in more than 30 years, resulting in three "snow emergencies" being called between December and February.

And despite constant reassurances from Kent County Council that it was coping well with keeping the traffic moving, residents stuck for hours on motorways and in town centres remained unconvinced.

Their complaints have now been backed up by chief executives from some of the county's district and borough councils, who took part in a consultation to judge how well the authority fared.

A new report reveals that when the snow first came down shortly before Christmas, the general consensus was that Kent Highway Services was "poorly prepared, without adequate plans in place".

It added that "staff were not available and communication was poor for most districts, if not all".

The councils also criticised the poor local knowledge of important priority routes for some areas, the "disjointed" nature of Kent Highways and the "ill-prepared" KCC call centre.

However, they did acknowledge that lessons were learned after the first period of snow and that improvements were made as

the poor weather continued.

Cabinet member for highways Cllr Nick Chard admitted the council's initial response to the snowfall was not perfect, and welcomed the criticism.

He said: "What I'm pleased about is that Kent Highway Services wants to improve."

"I think this is the first time we've properly consulted people and asked them what we did well, what we did less well and how we can improve."

"No it wasn't perfect but it has enabled us to identify several areas where we clearly need to make improvements."

"Let's be realistic – it was the worst winter for 30 years and I hope we don't get another one like it for some time, but if we do we will be better prepared and people will have a clearer understanding of what they can expect from us."

Clr Chard's winter service review revealed that between October and December, almost 13,700 tons of salt was used on Kent's roads compared to an average of just over 8,100 tons during the same period for the previous four years.

During the cold snap, workmen at the council's maintenance contractor Ringway were put on 24-hour duty while Kent Highways staff were placed on a rota to work weekends.

However, pavements throughout the county went for days without being gritted and there was a lack of communication between district councils and KCC about what roads should be targeted first.

Rail travel could rise by three per cent

COMMUTERS could be faced with the highest train fare rises in the country – despite disappointing passenger numbers on the high-speed service on Kent lines.

Costs could go up by as much as three per cent above the retail price index (RPI), meaning annual season tickets from eastern parts of the county into London could rise by around £350.

Tunde Olatunji, Kent manager for Passenger Focus, an independent watchdog for rail users, said passengers are

right to feel cheated and frustrated.

"They will be paying higher fares than anywhere else in the country," he said.

All other train companies are limited to a rise of RPI plus one per cent.

But officials at Southeastern said the three per cent figure was part of a franchise agreement, which had been in place for the last four years.

A spokesman said: "This is not necessarily the amount tickets will go up by – that is the most they are allowed to go up by."

Time to SAVE county's classic buildings

A LEADING conservation charity which highlights Britain's best unloved properties has already seen a major success in Kent.

Every year, SAVE puts together a register of some of Britain's finest buildings that are in need of tender love and care.

This year, while the catalogue was being prepared, St Edward's Presbytery in Ramsgate was sold to the Landmark Trust.

Rhiannon Tracy, the buildings at risk officer for SAVE Britain's Heritage, said: "We consider this a major success as it seems this fine building really will be maintained forever."

"This is just what we want to achieve. The buildings we have highlighted in Kent are all in need. Britain is losing enough classic properties as it is – we need to do more to save those that remain."

Marcus Binney, a renowned architectural

historian and author, said: "Every year SAVE sets out on a treasure hunt to find a selection of 'sleeping beauties' across England and Wales."

"Any building type can qualify, so long as it is curious, interesting, unloved and crying out for a new owner or new use."

Included in the new Live or Let Die catalogue is No 27 St Dunstan Street, Canterbury.

SAVE said of this property: "This early 16th century house has been vacant for five years and is neglected."

"The roof is in a bad condition and there is concern over possible structural movement. The house is being offered to let but cannot be occupied until restoration work is complete – for which planning permission is pending."

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YOUR LETTERS

Protect Brits living their lives overseas

I MUST sadly respond to Bill Shaw's wife (last week's letters).

While we have knowledge of the case, the details have not been fully disclosed.

However, there is another concern apparent for years which stems from Parliament – one that could echo the Gurkhas' status and past treatment.

Brits, especially serving soldiers, are continually being treated as pawns by our government.

I respect the laws of other lands and have travelled and worked in many, but I despair at the attitude shown to British people by our own government overseas and often at home.

The Union Jack is not just our sovereign symbol – it is supposed to be our protection. The present extradition laws biased towards the US are disgusting, as is the present protection of terrorists.

If they come from another land, they should be returned to face whatever.

Our present attitude smacks of appeasement at its worst with a stench unbearable.

As for Bill, it smells of a set-up and obviously hasn't been fully investigated by our diplomats or police.

Don't forget, the Afghan police have a great corruption record, while the present government uses all excuses to save face in the eyes of the US.

It's time our government stood proud again and laid the hammer down, hard if necessary.

Derek R Packham
Deal

We've had enough of being told what to do

I often wonder how people get bees in their bonnets.

Obviously, Reg Hansell has regarding unitary authorities (last week's letters).

Sadly the case falls flat because the people have had enough of being told what to do, especially during these last 13 years.

To create another dictating power is not only undemocratic but erasing our rights still further.

If Reg really wants to really help, try serving Sheperdswell first before pressing ideas on all.

If anything comes out of the proposed voting referendum, let's hope it's the guarantee that all MPs will be locals – resident for at least five years.

As for Donald Worsley, showing the typical loser's streak and what some would place as dietary pulp – being blinded by Labour's continual waffle and lies is not what our country needs.

Wake up to reality and grow up.

After all, at least the Conservatives and Lib Dems are going to try to sort out much of what Labour has screwed up.

Phil Granger
West Malling
by email

yourblogger

Simon Robinson explains why he's defecting from England during the World Cup...

"DEAR rest of the world, my name is Simon Robinson, I'm a 27-year-old football-loving journalist from England and I would like you to adopt me.

With the World Cup just nine days away, I've decided I no longer wish to go through the torment, anguish and despondency that come with being an ever-optimistic England supporter.

All I want is for one of the other 31 finalists to take me in and accept me as one of their own.

My only proviso is that you can't be a certified member of England's 'perennial underachievers' group. This rules you out Holland and Portugal.

I'm not necessarily looking for one of the big boys – take a bow Brazil, Germany and Spain – to adopt me temporarily; this isn't about winning.

I'm just sick of seeing England's world-class team of multi-millionaires go out of the competition with a whimper, on penalties, in the quarter finals. Again.

So come on the relative minnows of Mexico, Korea, Russia, Slovenia et al. I'm all yours.

I'll back anyone, so long as I don't have to go through another international football competition as a Three Lions badge-kissing Englishman.

My first proper taste of that crushing 'England have blown it' sensation came in Italia '90.

England's bid to win the cup came to a shuddering halt in the semi-finals, when those German penalty-

taking machines booted us back to Blighty.

France 1998 saw Argentina beat us on penalties in the first knock-out round.

Four years later we were undone in the quarter finals of the Korea/Japan World Cup when pony-tailed goalie David Seaman let Brazil's Ronaldinho timid freekick drift over him into the net.

Then at Germany 2006 it was back to the familiar penalty shoot-out heartbreak, this time Portugal took their turn to send us home at the quarter-final stage.

Failure after failure.

I suppose our record speaks for itself and we – England football fans – should lower our expectations ahead of South Africa 2010 and be happy to notch up another quarter-final appearance.

But I can't do that.

We should be reaching the semi-finals on a regular basis. We should be brushing the weaker teams to one side, showing the footballing world that we, the inventors of the beautiful game, can play it!

But we all know it'll be the same old story come the first England game on Saturday, June 12; we'll scrape through the group stages with the pundits promising that the team will "deliver when it matters" followed by a dismal display in the quarters and yet another penalty shoot-out disaster.

I can't go through that again. And that's why I'm defecting to the Ivory Coast, New Zealand or Greece.

Presidents and Prime Ministers, feel free to get in touch. I'm in the KOS office most days."

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This time, Ray Duff has a point. I for one could find many options for Lydd airport.

As it is, the plans are blinded by hope. The flood-plains cannot support extensions anyway.

Do planners never learn?

Plus, avgas not only pollutes but has a burning effect on life. And we don't need another 9/11.

Until we get sea power and sun power working, there are few choices over nuclear. It is a fact of life.

Name and address supplied to the editor

Public mislead over costs of new flights

Regarding the new Flybe route from Manston to Edinburgh, it's all very well saying that the flights are £24.99 each way, but by the time you add £30 each way for airport taxes and then £9.99 each way to check in your bag, it's an awful lot more!

I thought it would be ideal for my Scottish relatives, but obviously not.

Even with a tank of petrol, it's going to be so much cheaper to drive to Stansted to fly.

Linda Phillipott
Canterbury

Sniff out drugs and mobile phones in jails

How to stop all this drug dealing in prisons and mobile phones being

smuggled into prisons.

How much would it cost to have a dog trained to sniff out drugs, one in each prison?

Wouldn't it be beneficial to also have this facility in schools as well, as drugs are also rife in schools and destroy so many lives?

As far as mobile phones are concerned, why don't they install a blocking system in prisons to stop the ability to get a connection inside? Would this be so difficult?

Wouldn't our lives be nicer if this was installed on all public transport and inside shops?

Surely this could also be fitted on the engines of cars to stop people getting a signal while driving – how many lives would this save every year?

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Use salt to weed out the council's mess

Keeping the environment friendly and destroying the evasive weeds!

The best solution is salt diluted in water and sprayed on the weeds – it is cheap, quick and harmless to all animals.

I use it on my paths and driveway and it costs next to nothing.

If Thanet council didn't leave it long before it attacked the problem each year, we wouldn't have the mess we have now.

But then they didn't need me to tell them.

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God? I will believe it when I see Him/Her

As John R O'Neon rightly points out, there are many imponderables surrounding religious belief that prevent countless people placing their faith and trust in God (letters, May 19).

Obviously, 'if God made man, who made God?', which Mr O'Neon highlights, is the toughest poser of all, but there are other unanswerable questions that have prevented me from following any particular religion.

For instance, if God loves the world so much, why do we have to suffer devastating natural disasters and diseases responsible for massive loss of human life?

Another is, why are some people afflicted from birth by terrible mental retardation and physical handicaps where they can neither speak, feed themselves or control their bodily functions?

Is being born with severe brain damage and quadriplegia a sign of God's love? I don't see how.

Also, if there is only one God and yet so many vastly different, conflicting religions, how can we tell which one, if any, is true?

If an omnipotent creator exists, then why doesn't God appear on international television proving beyond doubt that he or she is real?

With the current lack of hard evidence supporting the existence of God, I suppose agnostics such as myself will have to remain faithless for the time being.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler
Canterbury

Help keep World War Two memories alive

Do you have a World War Two story to tell, or do you know someone who does?

Perhaps you have an experience of evacuation, air raids, rationing or volunteering for the war effort that you would be willing to share.

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We are also looking for volunteers to help bring these stories alive, conducting and transcribing interviews and capturing the memories of people who lived through the war.

If you are interested in being part of this social history project please email memoriesofwar@gre.ac.uk or phone 0208 331 7874.

You can also write to Dr June Balshaw at the University of Greenwich, Old Royal Naval College, Park Row, SE10 9LS.

Dr June Balshaw
Head of Department, Social, Political and Cultural Studies
University of Greenwich

Having his own axe to grind, John R O'Neon totally missed the point of my letter (May 12, 2010) regarding the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Trevor Willmott.

The issue wasn't whether there was a god or not, it was whether the bishop was contravening the Trades Description Act.

The bishop claims to be a Christian, ie a follower of Christ. He also claims to be teaching Christ's beliefs to his flocks, a very heavy responsibility!

Yet just a cursory scan of Christ's ministry shows he made it quite clear the affairs of the world had no place among his followers.

He claimed his followers couldn't be part of this world system and also part of his kingdom (John 18:36, John 17:16, James 4:4, etc etc).

So the point wasn't whether you believe in Christ or not because the bishop and the Anglican Church claim they do – the point was their falsification of what he taught to suit their own purposes.

Christ didn't live in a palace, wear the finest clothes and tell his followers they owed their allegiance to the rulers of the day.

Phil Granger
West Malling
by email

Protecting rare heron's purple patch

When a pair of purple herons began nesting at Dungeness, bird watchers feared the nest would become a target for egg collectors. The chicks are due to hatch within days after one of the biggest security operations ever by the RSPB.

DAVE MAIRS spoke to those who tasked themselves with protecting the herons.

THE operation to protect the country's only breeding pair of purple herons has so far proved successful, with their eggs expected to hatch within the next few days.

The birds made national headlines when they arrived at Dungeness RSPB reserve at the end of April and soon began building a nest.

Although a nest was constructed by a pair in Suffolk in 2007, it was washed away during heavy rain, meaning that the Dungeness birds are the first recorded pair to have advanced so far with a breeding attempt in the UK.

Such an event will certainly have attracted the attention of the country's tiny but determined band of egg-collectors, prompting the RSPB to establish a 24-hour guard on the birds.

Reserve warden Pete Akers and assistant Phil Bereat co-ordinate volunteers and four species protection officers, who guard vulnerable birds of prey, to keep watch over the purple herons.

Robert Jones is a species protection officer and has been largely responsible for marshalling the efforts of helpers.

"We've got a nucleus of about 20 volunteers," he said. "Across the region, there are around 300 people who can help."

The watch needs to be 24 hours and a shift rota has been set up, meaning that for some sleep has to be taken during the day so they can be on the reserve during the night."

Impressive though the efforts of the RSPB are, other factors such as the nearby presence of both a nuclear power station and an Army firing range have combined to make the purple herons of Dungeness just possibly the most heavily protected birds of all time.

"We've had great help from Kent Police, in particular PC Michael Laidlow, the environmental crime officer," said Mr Jones.

"And then there's the Civil Nuclear Constabulary on site – we've got their phone number – and the Military of Defence Police, who know what's going on and are in contact with us.

"Both forces are always looking out for suspicious characters anyway, so we hope we'll pick up anyone with bad intentions."

Although some egg-collectors are widely known, others are likely to be more obscure, so what are the tell-tale signs of a potential problem?

Assistant warden Phil Bereat said: "We've been alerted about some people, but our job is to act as a deterrent – any apprehension would be by the police.

"As for detecting them on site, it's looking for someone who shouldn't be around – maybe if



WATCHFUL EYES: (l-r) Species protection officer Robert Jones, RSPB conservation officer Samantha Dawes and assistant warden Phil Bereat



Picture DAVID FEATHERSTONE (RSPB)



Picture ARIELIAN KETTLE (RSPB)

someone isn't known to other birdwatchers, that could be a sign."

"We're about and about all the time – day and night – and between us we're always in more than one place at a time."

Mr Bereat's colleague Robert Jones believes he has felt unwanted eyes boring into his and others' backs.

"We've had some suspicious characters and vehicles, especially at night. I think if anyone was going to do their reconnaissance, they'd have done it by now."

"I've got a feeling they've already been watching us – they're good at what they do."

"Only the other night, a van was parked nearby from nine in the evening to almost three in the morning – I had a bad feeling about it and told the military police."

"They spoke to the driver and didn't like what he said or his attitude, so they moved him on."

"We can't afford to drop our guard for a minute – that's why the daytime watches are so important as they could hit when you least expect it."

NESTING: Purple herons at Dungeness, whose eggs are expected to hatch soon after a huge security operation

There will be no let-up in the watch even if, as hoped, the eggs did hatch over the weekend.

"The young are fragile in the first few days and need to be brooded – we would hope the male would step up his feeding activities, while for the female it would be like incubation of the eggs but with breaks."

"We'll decide when to stand down the operation. Until then, the effort goes on."

In Europe, the purple heron is essentially a southern species, although closer to home there is a small population in The Netherlands.

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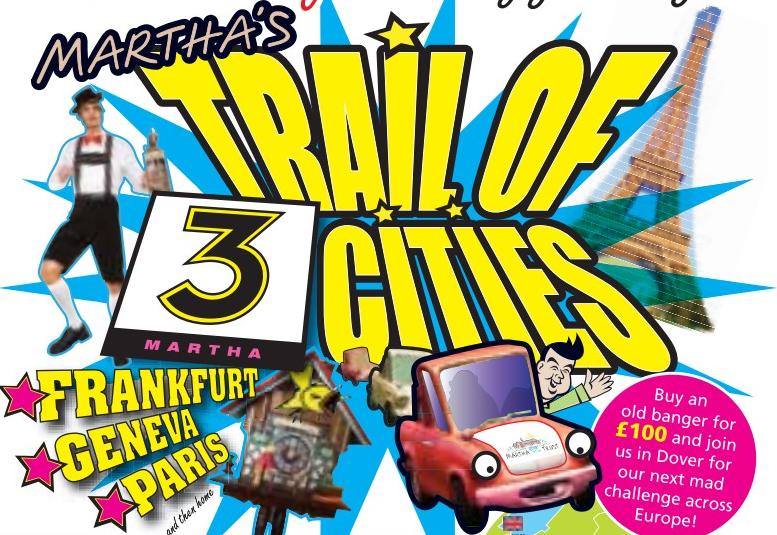
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MALE 40, fit seeks female for discreet fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333385

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ATTRACTIVE male, 36, 5ft 7ins, medium build, seeks female for adult fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332995

MIKE 55, no ties, 5ft 6ins, slim, brown hair/eyes, N/S, honest, thoughtful, reliable, seeks female for no strings friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332194

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ANDY 47, slim, honest, tanned, African, likes cooking, pool, pubs, nights in/out, seeks nice female, 30-60 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 331021

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MALE 40, fit seeks female for discreet fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333385

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MALE 47, slim, fair hair, likes most things, pubs, clubs, honest, seeks slim female, 35-45. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 331451

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DAY & NIGHT**Folk club's invitation**

ACCOMPLISHED singer-songwriter Martha Tilston will perform for Faversham Folk Club next week.

Tilston, an enchanting performer who writes honest, poetic songs, is at the Chimney Boy in Preston Street, Faversham at 8.30pm on Wednesday, June 9. Tickets cost £8 for members and £9 for non-members. Call 01795 536857.

Going green at market

DISCOVER ethically-traded goods and energy-saving initiatives at the Keen, Green and Ethical Trade Market.

The 'green street' event will be held in St George's Street in Canterbury on Saturday and Sunday, from 9am to 5pm both days. There will also be live music and craft demonstrations. For details visit www.marketsquaregroup.co.uk.

Opera on the big screen

WATCH a famous opera on the big screen when Carmen is beamed live to Dover from the Royal Opera House.

As part of the BP Summer Big Screens Programme, the live production in Market Square starts at 7pm on Tuesday. The screening is free and more information can be found online at www.roh.org.uk/bpbigscreens.

Crafts and food for sale

LOCALLY produced goods and produce are on offer at the Folkestone Arts, Crafts and Food Fair.

The Creative Foundation event is next held at the harbour square from 10am to 4pm on Sunday, offering crafts, foods and other goods. To book a stall call Lucy on 01303 245799 or email lucy@creative-foundation.org.uk

Cam sings his thoughts

CANADIAN troubadour Cam Penner visits Whitstable this week with his repertoire of fresh and intimate songs.

With his latest album, Trouble and Mercy, Penner showcases his most contemplative songwriting to date. He is at the Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre at 8pm on Friday and tickets cost £11. Call 01227 281174 or go online at www.horsebridge-centre.org.uk.

Putting on the glitz

ENJOY an evening of music from theatre and film when the Three Sopranos perform in Glamorous Night.

The Friends of the Marlowe event is at the Dominican Priory, Canterbury, at 7.30pm on Sunday, and features stars of Friday Night is Music Night, Welsh National Opera and the West End.

Tickets cost £13, concessions available. To book call 01227 787787.

Have a Girls' Night out

JOIN five typical women for Girls Night at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate next week.

The funny show has enjoyed sell-out runs in the Far East and New York, before returning to the UK. Featuring karaoke and girlie anthems, the show can be seen at 7.30pm on Wednesday, June 9. To book call 01843 591750.

Have a laugh with Paul and chums

**PAUL MERTON
AND HIS IMPRO CHUMS**
Monday, June 7, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

PREPARE for the unexpected as Paul Merton and his Impro Chums make something out of nothing.

Between them, they have a wealth of experience in conjuring comedy from thin air, so Merton and his co-stars are adept at making audiences laugh purely through their own wit and invention. A riotous evening of unpredictable hilarity awaits as the national tour makes its way to Folkestone.

Even the best stand-up comedians need their script, with very few being able to create a successful show entirely on the spot. But the Impro Chums do just that and critics recommend that comedy fans catch these masterful performers in the act.

Paul Merton has been a familiar television face for 20 years, thanks to his regular appearance as a panellist on the BBC's Have I Got News For You. His deadpan delivery and surreal wit have made him a firm favourite with viewers, but he is also a highly-accomplished stage comedian.

Along with his fellow performers – Mike McShane, Lee Simpson, Richard Vranch and wife Suki Webster – Merton has been improvising with the Comedy Store Players since the mid-80s. Their tightly honed improvisational skills continue to produce comic gold and the first Chums line-up, which included Jim Sweeney rather than McShane, even toured India a few years ago, to great success.

Described by critics as 'the finest exponents of the impro art', the group produces comic sketches based purely on audience suggestions. Combining experience with the courage to experiment, the Impro Chums are experts at plucking laughs from thin air.

As well as his weekly appearances on Have I Got News For You, Merton has had his own TV show and hosts Room 101, in which guests attempt to banish their most abhorred objects, people or concepts. He is also a popular contributor to Radio 4's Just a Minute and has made a number of documentaries, including programmes about travel in India, China and Europe.

Merton's love of silent comedy is well-known and he has toured a show which highlighted the brilliance of his early comic heroes. He has also recently made a documentary called Paul Merton's Weird and Wonderful World of Early Cinema, which was broadcast on BBC4.

Mike McShane and Richard Vranch were both regulars on the original Whose Line Is It Anyway?, Channel 4's long-running improvisation show. McShane is also a successful actor who has appeared in a number of films, television shows and stage productions, such as Little Shop of Horrors.

His movie work has included appearances in the Hollywood blockbuster, Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves, playing Friar Tuck opposite Kevin Costner.

Vranch works in a variety of areas, such as

Every show is different as impro team find humour in audience suggestions



writing comedy, recording voiceovers and creating animations. He has also appeared on Just a Minute and television projects have included children's show Jackanory and his own science series on Channel Four.

Both Vranch and Lee Simpson have worked with Merton on his live tours in the past. Simpson is the artist director of a theatre company, Improbable, and has been improvising for more than 20 years.

An accomplished actor and writer, Webster has toured India, Malaysia and Barbados with the Impro Chums. She has written and performed in several shows at Edinburgh Festival Fringe, toured with Eddie Izzard's One Word Impro and co-wrote the television documentary, Paul Merton Looks At Alfred Hitchcock.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £21. To book call the box office on 0844 847 1776 or visit the website at www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

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During Sheep Shearing and Wool Week, visitors can see demonstrations of the farm's sheep being sheared and find out what happens to the wool, with displays of spinning, knitting and weaving. Tomorrow, members of the public can try their hand at making felt.

Today, visitors are invited to make some very special new friends when snakes, spiders and reptiles pay a visit as part of Creepy Crawly Day.

Those with a sweet tooth are

in for a treat on Thursday with the Willy Wonka Party, when there will be ice cream and chocolate games. See if you can solve the treasure hunt to find the golden tickets and walk up the red carpet to become a trainee Oompa-Loompa.

Finally, visitors can take part in the Have a Go Falconry Day on Friday, when the farm's falconer Sharon Hollens will demonstrate how to fly beautiful birds of prey.

Admission costs £8/£7.50 for adults and £7 for children. For more information call 01227 751144 or visit www.farming-world.co.uk.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Wednesday June 2 to Saturday June 5, Winter Gardens, Margate



TRUE love and unforgettable songs feature in the popular musical, Disney's Beauty and the Beast.

Margate Operatic Society present the colourful and captivating show this week, transporting audiences into a fairytale world of talking ornaments, magical curses and the wonder of love.

With lavish costumes, stunning sets and fantastic music, the show is sure to be a hit with audiences of all ages.

When a travelling inventor stumbles into a lonely castle, he is imprisoned by the frightening Beast who lives there. Discovering that the inventor

has a beautiful daughter, the Beast offers to release the man in exchange for Belle and the good-natured girl agrees to sacrifice her freedom.

At first she is afraid of her unusual host but, unaware that the Beast is actually a prince who bears a terrible curse, Belle's feelings begin to change. But their happiness is threatened when a local thug who longs to marry Belle discovers the existence of the Beast.

Tickets cost £10/£9. To book call the Winter Gardens box office on 01843 292795/296111 or the MOS box office on 01843 297780 or visit www.margatewintergardens.co.uk.

CLASSICAL PERFORMANCES

Various venues, various dates

THREE musicians from different corners of the globe perform together this month in a spirit of unity.

The Canterbury Three Cities Association was set up to develop personal links between the UK, the US and the former USSR, to help bring an end to the Cold War.

To mark the silver jubilee, the association has commissioned a new piano trio from young Canterbury composer, Matthew Brown and the work receives its world premiere this weekend.

The performers are violinist Andrew Francois from Illinois in the US, cellist Ivan Hussey (pictured) from Canterbury and pianist Sergey Vasiliev from Vladimir, Russia.

Concerts will be held at Wye Parish Church on Saturday (June 5); the Church of St Mary & St Eanswythe in Folkestone on Wednesday, June 9 and Whitstable Methodist Church on Saturday, June 12.

Tickets cost £7/£5 and can be booked on 01227 769785. Tickets for the Wye concert are also available from Wye News and Folkestone tickets can be booked by calling 01303 243450.

A free taster concert will be held at the Huguenot Chapel in Canterbury Cathedral's Crypt at 2pm this Sunday (Jun 6).

For more information visit www.canterburyarts council.org.uk.



AUTHENTIC MEDIEVAL MARKET

Saturday, June 5, Canterbury Tales, Canterbury

HISTORY comes alive at the Canterbury Tales as visitors are invited to experience an authentic medieval market.

Traditional trades and wares will be on display in the churchyard behind the attraction, giving people the chance to see how people would have earned their living hundreds of years ago.

See how items were produced using time-honoured techniques, have a go at archery and take home a very special souvenir from the past.

There will be opportunities to try making vessels of the period with a traditional potter, while a medieval bowmaker and wood turner will also be demonstrating their trades. Browse the fascinating stalls selling beeswax candles and balms, natural dyes, antlers, leather pouches, ochres and earth pigments.

Tomfoolerie the jester will be selling handmade toys, Julia Baxter demonstrates medieval calligraphy and there will also be some impressive weapons on display, as originally designed for combat and stunt students.

At noon, the winner of the Canterbury Tales' lookalike competition will be announced, with one lucky person picking up a price of £250.

The event runs from 11am to 4pm. For more information call 01227 784600 or visit www.canterburytales.org.uk.



CHARLES ROLLS CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6, Dover seafront

CELEBRATIONS will go with a bang as Dover marks the 100th anniversary of Charles Rolls' first non-stop return flight across the English Channel.

To commemorate the occasion, a programme of special events has been put together by Dover District Council, Dover Town Council and Dover Harbour Board, with sponsorship from Rolls-Royce.

A spectacular firework and pyrotechnic display takes place at the Prince of Wales Pier at 10.15pm on Saturday. From noon on Sunday there will be a display of up to 100 Rolls-Royce vehicles, courtesy of the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts Club, along with Rolls' own 1899 Panhard Levassor.

A ceremony takes place at the Charles Rolls statue at 12.30pm, followed by a Spitfire display above the harbour and a ten-minute appearance by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. The Spitfire will recreate Rolls' historic flight across the Channel, returning for a final display at about 4.10pm.

The Drop Redoubt Napoleonic Fort at Western Heights will open from 10am to 5pm both days and there will be a vintage car display in Market Square on Sunday. To find out more visit www.rollsroyceanniversary.com.



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A cracking phone a real star from Nokia



Pin sharp: The X6's pictures have good saturation and contrast

Camera	8/10
Music player	7/10
Ease of use	8/10
Value for money deals	6/10
Style	10/10



Popping colours: Picture quality is great but the Vivaz's video is the best here, possibly the best on any mobile phone

Sony Ericsson Vivaz

The Vivaz is the latest offering by Sony Ericsson and it's already proving a winner for style and lightness. Its 8.1 megapixel camera sets the standard, shoots panoramas – taking three snaps that join together for wide vistas – and offers HD quality video.

A large touchscreen and brilliant music player from the inventors of the Walkman make this phone top of the desirable list.

Camera	9/10
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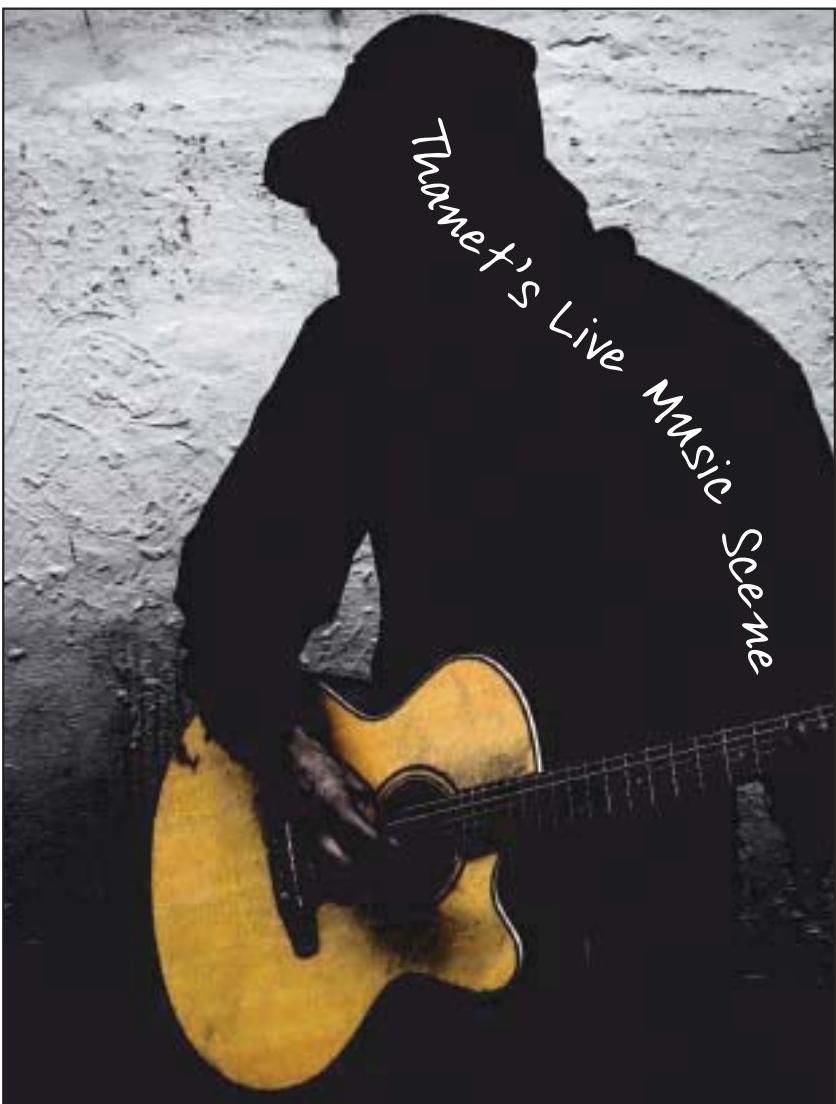
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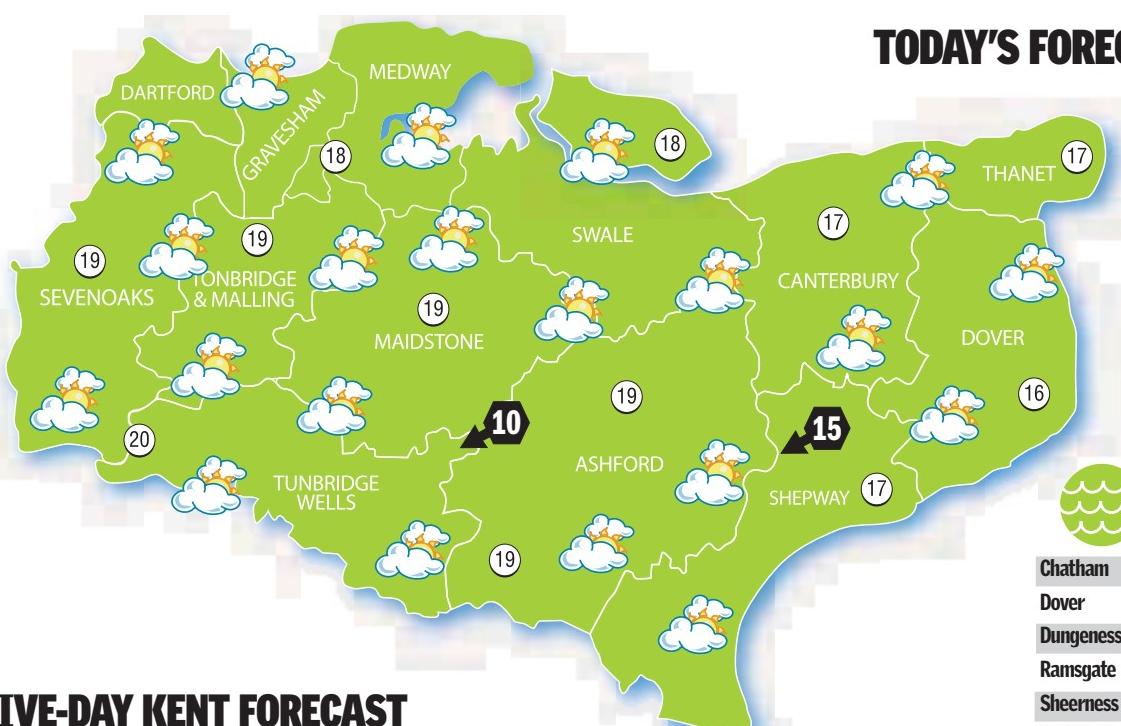


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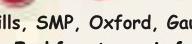
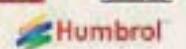
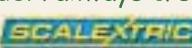
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Question: What date is Ladies' Day at Folkestone Racecourse?

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Third stage adds to Hop farm fun



TOP NAMES: Van Morrison is headlining on the main stage on the Friday night

■ BY JON COATES

THE line-up for this summer's Hop Farm Festival is as good as any other music event in the UK, says organiser Vince Power.

The music promoter is confident that this year's festival in Paddock Wood will be one to remember.

Mr Power feels the Hop Farm event has found its niche in its third year and is now here to stay.

He expects Saturday's bill topped by Bob Dylan to sell out its 30,000 tickets, with 20,000 tickets being sold for the Friday line-up headlined by Van Morrison.

On the Saturday main stage, Dylan will be supported by Ray Davies, Mumford & Sons, Seasick Steve, Peter Doherty, Laura Marling, Johnny Flynn, The Magic Numbers and Foy Vance.

Van Morrison headlines on Friday, supported by Blondie, Los Lobos, Imelda May and Damien Dempsey.

Dr John and The Lower 911 have now been added to this bill and will be the second support before Blondie and Van Morrison.

The Big Tent stage on Friday will host Afro Celt Sound System, Richard Thompson, Peter Green & Friends, and Sweet Billy Pilgrim, with Sparrow And The Workshop, and Paris Riots added.

Organisers announced two weeks ago that a third stage was being added to the event, but we can now reveal that festival goers will also be able to enjoy a comedy show and a campsite area hosting acoustic performances.

The third stage is being called the Bread & Roses stage and the line-up includes The Ruskins, Hoodlums and Billy Vincent.

It will also host a comedy show featuring Bob Mills, Keith Platt and Ian Cognito.

Mr Power added: "Every festival I have done has taken between three and five years to get on the festival map and for people to see it as here to stay."

"With the Hop Farm having legends mixed with great new acts like Mumford & Sons and Laura Marling is the way to go."

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- 2 CWB - 13/6 Sellindge Music Festival
- 3 The Suspects - 24/6 Earls in Maidstone
- 4 Gristlebridge - 3/7 Command House, Chatham
- 5 Happy Daze - 10/7 The Share & Coulter in Herne Bay

The promoter had planned to hold the Hop Farm Festival on just the Saturday and arrange a separate event on the Sunday.

This would have been called the Pop Farm Festival and would have been aimed at a younger audience.

But Mr Power said he was forced to shelve this idea as he missed a couple of the big acts he was aiming for, but a two-day Hop Farm and one-day Pop Farm events could be on for next year.

"With the Hop Farm having legends mixed with great new acts like Mumford & Sons and Laura Marling is the way to go."



OPULENCE: The golf course at the Aphrodite Hills Resort in Cyprus, and below, the resort's luxurious Retreat Spa will please non-golfers

yourgetaways



Pack up your clubs and head for secret paradise

■ BY DOMINIC PICKSLEY

IF YOU'RE heading to the Mediterranean for a spot of golf, forget booking a hotel in Portugal or Spain – try Cyprus instead.

For years, Portugal and Spain have enjoyed something of a monopoly on the finest golfing destinations in the Mediterranean, but they may be about to face quite a challenge from Cyprus.

When it comes to golf, Cyprus is the new kid on the block. It only boasts three courses, but there are ambitious plans for another 14 in the next few years to turn the island into another golfer's paradise.

If the impressive courses at Aphrodite Hills, Secret Valley and Minthis Hills are anything to go by, Cyprus is well on its way to becoming a utopia for golfers of all abilities.

I teed off my experience at the opulent surroundings of the Aphrodite Hills Resort, a fabulous five-star development on a plateau overlooking Petra tou Romiou, the legendary birthplace of Aphrodite, the goddess of love.

The resort oozes elegance, but for 150 euros a round, you expect something special! Built on a mountain, it is separated by a dramatic ravine, so buggies are essential to complete the course in day.

Aphrodite Hills has plenty for golf widows and families too. It also features a first-class tennis academy, a beach club, and a multi-purpose sports court for children, with everything from volleyball to mini-football.

The surrounding region is steeped in local history and culture. Taste the local vintage at a nearby winery

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Dominic was a guest of the Cyprus Tourism Organisation and flew Cyprus Airways (from London, Manchester and Birmingham) Reservations: 020 8359 1333 and www.cyprusair.com.

Operators to Aphrodite Hills Resort include Olympic Holidays, which offers seven nights' half-board from £900 with return flights ex-Gatwick June 2, incl transfers.

Olympic Holidays reservations: 0844 576 2386 and www.OlympicHolidays.com. Further resort information: www.aphrodite-hills.com.

Destination enquiries: Cyprus Tourism Organisation (020 7569 8800 and www.visitcyprus.com). Columbia Beach Resort Pissouri



(www.columbia-hotels.com) operates free bus to the golf courses. Junior garden view suites start at 195 euros per night. Almyra Hotel (www.almyra.com) has garden view rooms from 160 euros per room per night.

Details of Secret Valley and Minthis Hills courses available on www.cyprussgolf.com.

and wine museum, or try your hand-work at workshops which turn out traditional Cypriot clay pots.

Next up was Secret Valley Golf Club, a short drive from Aphrodite Hills, and a course within a colourful, picturesque valley. An 'easier' proposition than the previous day, but hardly one to be taken lightly.

Although less glamorous than Aphrodite Hills, Secret Valley still had an air of grandeur, set in a natural amphitheatre with the hills looming up to create a bowl.

It felt the most 'British' of the three – and the rain we encountered made us feel decidedly British too.

While we got drenched by the heavy downpour – rare in these parts, but welcome for the rain-starved country – this was Cyprus, so we were soon dry and the round was completed in bright sunshine.

We then moved up the road to Paphos, a city festooned in history

and an archaeology lover's delight, whether it be the immaculately preserved mosaics at the House of Dionysus near the popular harbour, or the World Heritage site of the Tombs of the Kings.

Our final golfing destination was Minthis Hills near the village of Tsada, just 15km north-east of Paphos, another venue of breathtaking beauty.

At an altitude of 550 metres above sea level and with meandering hills all around, Minthis provides a stunning vista of the Cypriot countryside and offers a challenging 18 holes.

Enjoying the beautiful Cypriot sunshine and countryside was a delight in itself, but to do it while playing a round was pure heaven.

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Nissan reveals a Juke box full of styling tricks

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Priced from only £12,795 and offered in two or four-wheel-drive format, Nissan says it manages to be compact SUV as well as sports car – a 190PS (187bhp) turbocharged version heads the range.

Built at Nissan's Sunderland UK plant deliveries start in September, when it joins the Qashqai and flagship Murano in the marque's crossover selection.



Peugeot's 3008 hoping to be automatic choice

PEUGEOT has expanded its multiple award-winning 3008 crossover line-up with a powerful 163bhp 2.0-litre automatic version (from £21,395).

The new engine gains power while lowering consumption and emissions. It is also available only with a six-speed automatic gearbox, which shows the increasing popularity of 'self-shifters' with buyers of MPVs, SUVs and cars that straddle both classes in the aptly named crossover class inhabited by the 3008. Drivers should still be able to average well over 40mpg.



Golf tees off again with more impressive Match

WELCOME again to the Golf Match – VW's best-known Golf special edition over several generations of the long-running family hatchback.

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LUCKY CHARM: On top of being a terrific looking car a big bonus for Alfa's MiTo is its improved MultiAir petrol engine which has added more power yet lowered the car's emissions

Is it the new Alfasud?

FANS of the legendary yet flawed Alfasud (1976-1989) waited a long time for a successor.

The MiTo supermini (from £12,445) launched last year ended the wait; it looks terrific, comes with lots of features and appears robust.

The big bonus now is the improved MultiAir petrol engines with more power yet lower emissions and the impressive £17,895 Cloverleaf flagship tested here.

The Cloverleaf badge not only revives a sporting good luck charm applied to the marque's blood red cars during its racing heyday, but revives the lightness and allure of the Sud at its fieriest.

It's not perfect of course; it's part of Alfa's charm that something will chaff the neck somehow, but it is a cracking little car.

I've always preached that Alfas must be red, but the test car looked stunning in bright yellow – a tribute to the curvy lines worked into a comparatively small yet practical car.

But the real seduction is behind the Cloverleaf's wheel; I already knew the MiTo was a superb point and shoot supermini,

ROAD TEST

ALFA MiTo

■ BY STEVE LOADER

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Driving appeal



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Value



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Green rating



whichever engine you have, but this goes further yet can even average 50mpg if you are sensible.

The Cloverleaf will turn your head though.

There is a free-revving 170bhp on tap from a 1.4-litre petrol unit – 0-62mph in 7.5 seconds and even with the top 'Dynamic' throttle and suspension DNA setting there is no steering wheel fight or scrabbling of the front wheels as they battle to put down the power, though I can imagine knocking the DNA setting back to normal when it gets wet.

The Cloverleaf can also be flicked through all six gears rapidly, helped by a specially shortened lever in this version.

The MiTo caveats are the usual ones; the cabin is not the most spacious and inviting in class and the boot might be large, but there is a high lip to struggle suitcases and shopping over. But this is less supermini and more baby coupé thanks to style and great powertrains including diesels.

As sales show though, it is the free-revving petrels that turn on would-be MiTo buyers, who end up with a car that is cheaper, more stylish and less common than the increasingly ubiquitous Mini.

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A17. 1.9 JTDM 16v DUCATI CORSE 02/2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, 10200 miles, £13000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A59. JTDM 16v Lusso, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering, blue, 10000 miles, £15000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GTV. 2.0 TS 16v LUSSO, 2002, alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, grey, 59400 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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MITO. JTDM Lusso, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering, red, 22500 miles, £15000, Canterbury, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MITO. JTDM Lusso, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior, white, 2100 miles, £14250, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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A2. FSI SPORT, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, metallic, 54000 miles, £8250, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A2. FSI SPORT, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser leather interior power steering trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, black, 39000 miles, £6500, Ashford, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

GT. 2.0 TS 16v LUSSO, 2002, alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, grey, 59400 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A3. TDI SE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesels drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking, silver, 1732 miles, £19000, Wrotham Heath, 01732 20555 (TRADE)

A4. SE, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking, silver, 63000 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A4. S4 Quattro Tip Auto, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering, red, 22500 miles, £15000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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5 SERIES. 525d SE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags, black, 27000 miles, £21000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (P/IVATE)

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8 SERIES. 840 ci sport coupe auto, 1997, silver metallic with grey leather seats, 12000 miles, £5850, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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AVEO. LT, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, black, 20523 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

KALOS. SX, 2005, abs brakes drivers airbag electric windows power steering, silver, 48000 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

LACETTI. 1.4 SE, 2007, abs brakes electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint, silver, 19200 miles, £11500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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5 SERIES. 525d SE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats trip computer, blue, 41000 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TACUMA. 2.0 CDX, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking remote audio controls, blue, 13629 miles, £13950, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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300C. V6 CRD Auto, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser leather seats multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid blue, 39750 miles, £18900, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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CROSSFIRE. V6, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation, blue, 38000 miles, £11995, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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SEBRING. 2.4 Limited, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission central locking climate control electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control, black, 16872 miles, £6500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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575M MARANELLO. 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission central locking climate control electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control, black, 14500 miles, £54900, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

IDEA. Dynamic, 2005, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering single cd player split folding rear seat trips computer remote central locking, blue, 34000 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 5, gk08vev, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electric door mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking trip computer 1 owner service history, ocean blue, 22000 miles, £7000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FOCUS, LX, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tinted glass trip computer twin airbags curtain airbags remote central locking sofix child seat points, blue, 6338 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FOCUS, ST-3, 2007, red, 30329 miles, £12999, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FOCUS C-MAX, mjj56eb, insurance group 6 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electric door mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment 1 owner service history, panther black, 11000 miles, £7000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FUSION, Zetec (Climate), 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows, cold car fridg & body, deep freeze eutectic beam system, ideal for ice cream or frozen meal deliveries, over fifty fridges vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, £8595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

GALAXY, GHIA, 2008, abs brakes alloy wheels cruise control electric windows front fog lights metallic paint multi cd player multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation trip computer remote central locking auto headlights and wipers, hypothetic silver, 8664 miles, £18000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

KA, ZETEC 1.2, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint tinted glass twin airbags remote central locking, blush pearl effect, 3000 miles, £10490, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

KUGA, 2.0, 2008, blue, 55 miles, £25000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MAVERICK, Xlt, 7874079, air conditioning, power steering, twin air bags, abs, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, side steps, roof rails, front fog lamps, electric windows, electric mirrors, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, radio, player, electric sunroof, alloy wheels, 4x4, silver, 48000 miles, £4995, Plumstead, 020 8555 4000 (TRADE)

MAVERICK, Zetec, 7840079, air conditioning, power steering, abs, electric sunroof, twin air bags, cd player, radio, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric windows, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, radio, player, electric sunroof, alloy wheels, 4x4, red, 64200 miles, £4295, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

MONDEO, LX 16v Est, 7841079, air conditioning, climate control, power steering, electric front windows, electric mirrors, abs, twin air bags, curtain airbags, cd player, radio, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, roof rails, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cruise control, blue, 64700 miles, £5995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

RANGER, Refrigerated Deep Freezer Box, gft05chz, only 10,000 miles, cold car fridg & body, deep freeze eutectic beam system, ideal for ice cream or frozen meal deliveries, over fifty fridges vans in stock, www.BHRV.co.uk, white, £8595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

S-MAX, Titanium, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels blueooth car kit climate control cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights metallic paint multi cd player multiple airbags power steering

trip computer remote central locking auto headlights and wipers, hypothetic silver, 8664 miles, £18000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CIVIC, S, 2003, silver, 49314 miles, £4999, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

STRETTA, 16v Hard/Softtop Winter Edition, et04jkt, full leather, remote central locking, power steering, air conditioning, multi-disc cd player, factory hard top, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric front windows, abs, twin air bags, cd player, heated seats, colour coded body, 16" alloys, car comes complete with factory colour coded detachable hard top which has a neat bag for summer storage, there is also a perspex wind deflector fitted to the car, surely an ideal summer car don't miss it!, french blue metallic, 42000 miles, £5299, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

JAZZ, 1.4 SEAUTO, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold, mirrors leather interior multiple airbags power steering satellite navigation single cd player sliding rear seats tow bar remote central locking, silver, 22481 miles, £15995, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

TOURNEO, TRANSIT 9 SEAT LIMITED PRE REG, 59, 140 ps, minibus, finance available, full dealer facilities, warranty, cd player, air conditioning, electric windows, alloy wheels, blue tooth hands free, 9 seater, grey, 50 miles, £18990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

TRANSIT CONNECT, nh07dyu, 90 bhp, panel van, high roof, lwb, pw lined, cd player, with over 400 ford cars and commercials in stock today all Ford vehicles under three years old come with the balance of three years ford warranty and roadside assistance, low rate finance available, excellent prices paid for part exchanges, white, 41609 miles, £6495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

GETZ, 1.4 GSi, 2007, air conditioning automatic transmission central locking, blue, 9963 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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ACCORD, 2.2 EXEC SATNAV/HFT, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors leather interior multiple airbags remote central locking, nighthawk black, 16000 miles, £15700, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.6SEAUTO, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multi cd player power fold mirrors leather interior load liner multiple airbags reverse parking aid satellite navigation sound pack remote central locking roof bars remote audio controls, grey, 40010 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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CARENS, SE Crdi 5dr auto, hg03xny, remote central locking, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, cloth upholstery, 16" alloys, car comes complete with factory colour coded detachable hard top which has a neat bag for summer storage, there is also a perspex wind deflector fitted to the car, surely an ideal summer car don't miss it!, french blue metallic, 42000 miles, £5299, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

CR-V, Executive 2.0, 2007, 4x4 abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control diesel from fog lights full service history metallic paint power fold

multiple airbags remote central locking, leather interior load liner multiple airbags reverse parking aid satellite navigation sound pack remote central locking roof bars remote audio controls, grey, 40010 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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ACCENT, 1.5 CDX, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering, met blue, 49700 miles, £2400, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

COUPE, SE, 2001, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking, silver, 60000 miles, £10000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

GETZ, 1.4 GSi, 2007, air conditioning automatic transmission central locking, blue, 9963 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TRANSIT CONNECT, nh07dyu, 90 bhp, panel van, high roof, lwb, pw lined, cd player, with over 400 ford cars and commercials in stock today all Ford vehicles under three years old come with the balance of three years ford warranty and roadside assistance, low rate finance available, excellent prices paid for part exchanges, white, 41609 miles, £6495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

TOURNEO, TRANSIT 9 SEAT LIMITED PRE REG, 59, 140 ps, minibus, finance available, full dealer facilities, warranty, cd player, air conditioning, electric windows, alloy wheels, blue tooth hands free, 9 seater, grey, 50 miles, £18990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

WRC, 1.4 16V, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold, mirrors leather interior multiple airbags remote central locking, rear wash/wipe, 15" alloys, red, 60000 miles, £2499, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

YARIS, 1.4 VVT-i, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold, mirrors leather interior multiple airbags remote central locking, silver, 22481 miles, £15995, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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MATRIX, GSi automatic, remote central locking, electric mirrors, electric windows, air con, twin air bags, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, head restraints, cd player, rear wash/wipe, aluminium silver, 45000 miles, £4699, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

SANTA FE, 2.2 CRDT CDX 154 5-SEATS, 2007, 4x4 abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering, central locking, nighthawk black, 16000 miles, £15700, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.6SEAUTO, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multi cd player power fold, mirrors leather interior load liner multiple airbags reverse parking aid satellite navigation sound pack remote central locking roof bars remote audio controls, grey, 40010 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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CARENS, SE Crdi 5dr auto, hg03xny, remote central locking, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, cloth upholstery, 16" alloys, car comes complete with factory colour coded detachable hard top which has a neat bag for summer storage, there is also a perspex wind deflector fitted to the car, surely an ideal summer car don't miss it!, french blue metallic, 42000 miles, £5299, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

SORENTO, 2.5 CRDI XE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, beige, 63234 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

EVORA, 3.5 V6 2 SPORTS PREMIUM TECH, 2010, liquid blue, 200 miles, £55000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

EXIGE, 1.8 S SPORTPACK, 2009, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint leather interior sound pack

seats sports seats tinted glass

traction control remote central

locking, silver, 14800 miles, £25000, Ramsgate, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PICANTO, 1.1 ICE 5DR, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering, blue, 76000 miles, £3000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

SPORTAGE, S, 2000, abs brakes

central locking immobiliser metallic

paint power steering traction control, blue, 76000 miles, £3000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

ELISE, 1.8 111S, 2004, starlight

black, 17250 miles, £16000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

ELISE, SC TOURING, 2009, abs brakes

air con alarm fitted central locking

electric windows front fog lights

immobiliser multiple airbags power

steering trip computer remote

central locking, black, 29500 miles,

£7500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

COOPER, 1.6 D, 2007, abs brakes

air con alarm fitted alloys cd player

diesel drivers airbag electric windows

full service history immobiliser

metallic paint multiple airbags power

steering trip computer remote

central locking, black, 14620 miles,

£1500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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brakes air con alloys cd player

central locking drivers airbag

electric windows front fog lights

immobiliser power steering

tinted glass remote central locking,

white, 37377 miles, £12580,

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COOPER, 2.0, 2008, abs brakes

air con alarm fitted alloys cd player

central locking drivers airbag

electric windows front fog lights

immobiliser power steering

tinted glass remote central locking,

white, 37377 miles, £12580,

Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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air con alarm fitted alloys cd player

central locking drivers airbag

electric windows front fog lights

immobiliser power steering

tinted glass remote central locking,

white, 37377 miles, £12580,

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COOPER, 2.0, 2008, abs brakes

air con alarm fitted alloys cd player

central locking drivers airbag

electric windows front fog lights

immobiliser power steering

tinted glass remote central locking,

white, 37377 miles, £12580,

Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PICANTO, 1.1 ICE 5DR, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering, blue, 22405 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

RIO, LE, 2005, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering, central locking, nighthawk black, 17250 miles, £16000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

ELISE, 1.8 111S, 2004, starlight black, 17250 miles, £16000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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The Mortgage
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HOW many different ways of borrowing money to fund your next house purchase do you think there are out there? A couple of hundred? A thousand, even?

The staggering truth is that the number of mortgage products available has now reached 2,053, an increase of 70 per cent on the number available just a year ago.

Interestingly, it is the number of mortgages offering higher loan-to-value rates that is growing the fastest as lenders continue to relax their credit criteria and make money more easily available.

While a choice of 2,000-odd mortgages sounds like a huge choice, many lenders offer dozens of products that are often very similar. What is does mean, though, is that The Mortgage Company has seen an influx of new enquiries, particularly from the first time buyers that are so vital to keeping the market moving.

It seems to be having a knock-on effect at the much higher end of the market, too, where we are experiencing a large increase of applications for purchases over £500,000.

To get the best deals you still need a larger deposit, but there are much better deals available for customers who can only find ten per cent of the cost than there were a few months ago, when most lenders were tying customers in to high fixed rates for up to five years.

I think it is likely this trend of improving rates will continue and we will soon see some "normality" back in the first time buyer market.

Fixed rates seem to be the most popular at the moment because of the uncertainty of what could happen to bank base rates in the future, but there are some very good tracker deals still available for those willing to take the risk.

When looking at rates, be careful to consider all the costs. Some low rates come with huge arrangement fees, while higher rates often have little or no fee. The best deal for you will depend mainly on the amount you want to borrow as well as the lender's criteria and other costs, so always take advice from a whole of market broker before making a decision.

Steve Osborne
The Mortgage Company
Ashford



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House prices are finally heading up, up and away

■ BY NICK AMES

ACCORDING to studies carried out comparing spring figures, house prices are rising at double digit rates, year on year, for the first time since October 2007.

The Nationwide House Price Index has reported average house prices climbing one per cent in April and by 10.5 per cent from levels in April 2009.

On a three month rolling basis, which is a less volatile measure, they edged down by 1.1 per cent reflecting a slight price drop in February, however in March that measure showed a rise of 1.5 per cent.

Therefore experts feel that the crisis of 2008 is receding and now is definitely the time to buy.

"Property in the South East is always in demand," said Jo Richards, marketing and corporate manager at Hillreed Homes.

"There are never sufficient properties, so it tends to keep prices buoyed".

Hillreed Homes is currently marketing the "Charing" house types at its flagship development, Highland Park in Ashford.

These homes are scheduled to be ready for occupation in Autumn 2010, but customers



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can buy off plan now and secure a new home at today's price.

The Charing house types are built on three storeys providing three good sized bedrooms, plus large family/dining/kitchen area on one floor and a more formal lounge area on the ground floor.

Highland Park, Green Fields Lane, Ashford is a brand new community in the "Gateway to Europe".

Currently there is a wide range of brand new homes being built at Highland Park, many for immediate occupation and prices currently range from £164,450 for a two bedroom, mid terrace house with garage – which also comes with a ten per cent Equity Share Scheme reducing the initial price and £148,005 to £193,950 for a three bedroom, end of terrace house with garage. A show house and site sales office is open seven days a week 10am to 5pm.

First-time buyer house prices keep increasing

IN ITS May affordability index, FindaProperty.com has reported that first-time buyer house prices have increased for the fourth consecutive month, taking the average asking price of a starter home to £155,677.

The figure is 1.2 per cent higher than a year ago and at its highest since February 2009.

At the same time, affordability has improved for those getting a foot on the property ladder, despite the rise in asking prices and a fall in average first-time buyer income.

According to figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders, the cost of the average entry level home is now almost 4.9 times gross household earnings, compared with 5.5 times at the end of 2008.

Consequently, the typical "affordability gap", or effective deposit required, has eased to £56,449, or almost 1.8 times average household earnings, whereas at the end of December 2008 the gap was a staggering £70,000, or 2.4 times the average first-time buyer income.

A different picture emerges for those with ownership ambitions in London, where the current affordability gap soars to £153,364 or 4.7 times average first-time buyer income.

Lenders are now 'open for business' again

MORTGAGE rates peaked in August 2009 and have steadily fallen to their lowest level in a year since then, according to a recent study.

Analyst group Moneyfacts explained that the average two-year fixed mortgage – widely seen as the "barometer" of the mortgage market – stands at its lowest level in a year, while average three and five-year fixed rate mortgages are close behind.

Michelle Slade, the spokesperson for Moneyfacts, said: "Lenders have slowly become acclimated to a new look mortgage market and continue to take more steps to improve the competitiveness of deals."

"The 'open for business' sign is back in the window as lenders improve the availability of mortgages."

She added that lenders are more active in the mortgage market which is very welcome for those looking for increased competition as it drives rates down.

Earlier this week, it was asserted by moneysupermarket.com that fixed-rate mortgages have fallen to their lowest level since April 2007.

New coalition agrees on housing sustainability

BOTH the Liberal Democrats and Conservative Party have similar views on housing sustainability, it is claimed by environmentalists.

John Alker, head of advocacy at the UK Green Building Council, said he believed the government will actually be fairly stable under the newly-formed coalition.

He added that it is a good thing there is agreement between the two parties about certain issues surrounding housing.

"When they got down the list and saw climate change I think they were probably quite glad they could say, 'Yes, smart grids, yes, refurbishment of the existing housing stock,'" Mr Alker noted.

In their pre-election manifesto, the Conservative Party outlined plans to abolish home information packs, as well as plans to make it easier for social housing tenants to buy their own homes.

The Liberal Democrats' proposals included plans to bring 250,000 empty homes back into use and to ensure repossession is a last resort when borrowers cannot meet mortgage repayments.

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- Conservatory



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FOLKESTONE £149,995

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- No chain

**FOLKESTONE** £144,995

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- 2 bed terraced
- Superbly renovated
- No chain

**CHERITON** £135,000

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- 3 bed semi detached
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- Front and rear gardens

**FOLKESTONE** £134,995

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FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03094

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- Off road parking

**FOLKESTONE** £109,950

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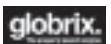
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£145,000

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most of Dover. It comprises a lounge, dining room, kitchen and downstairs wc with storage cupboard to the ground floor and a family bathroom.

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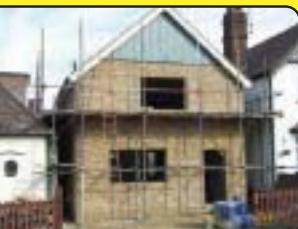
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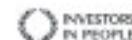
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CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Kent League Division One

Beckenham 1st XI v Sandwich Town 1st XI

STUART Smith scored a blistering century as Sandwich Town claimed their best result of the season so far with a winning draw in a shortened game at Beckenham.

With several fixtures elsewhere incomplete or abandoned altogether due to rain, Saturday's meeting at Foxgrove was reduced to 30 overs per side in an effort to reach a finish.

Sandwich were put into bat after losing the toss and lost Craig Snell before they had put a run on the board. The setback was quickly forgotten as David Scoggins and Smith put on 89 for the second wicket.

Scoggins played the anchor role as Smith proceeded to flay the Beckenham attack to all corners, scoring at comfortably more than a run-a-ball. After Scoggins departed for a valuable 31, the remainder of Sandwich's batsmen played little more than a supporting role as Smith continued to dictate the strike.

When the 30 overs were up, Smith was still unbeaten on 100, which came in just 84 balls and included 14 boundaries. It helped Sandwich reach a respectable 173 for 6.

Without a similar talisman Beckenham were never able to hit the same heights. Several players were able to stay in long enough to lay the foundations of a big innings, but under the significant pressure to keep up with the run rate, none could repeat Smith's knock.

Sandwich's bowlers shared the wickets around, with Craig Spanton, Tom Chapman, Matthew van Poppel and Tom Dilnot-Smith all taking two each. But although Beckenham were well short of the victory target, finishing on 130 for 8, the visitors were two wickets shy of outright victory.

Sandwich host struggling Harvel this Saturday.

Smith's unbeaten ton nets Sandwich points



IMPROVING: Sandwich are still looking for their first win but their batsmen ensured they claimed a winning draw at Beckenham

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Whitstable 1st XI v Sibton Park 1st XI

RAIN brought an unsatisfactory conclusion to the meeting between Whitstable and Sibton Park at the Belmont on Saturday.

The visitors had more cause to feel hard done by after posting a decent 246 for 9 from their allocation. Ben Trott starred with the ball, taking 6 for 50, but Tim Bishop, Ben Allon and Steve Hickmott notched half-centuries.

In reply Whitstable's top order could not convert good starts into anything substantial and the hosts were struggling on 128 for 6 after 28 overs when the rain brought a premature conclusion to the game.

Sibton Park 1st XI

	Runs
George Leadbetter	0
Andy Allon	27
Tim Bishop	61
Ben Allon	54
Steve Hobbs	0
Steve Hickmott	53
Martin Wren	2
Steven Rowe	29
Sam Newman	0
Gareth Meers	4
Tim Smith	1
Extras	15
Total	246
Bowlers	
James Mills	0
Ben Trott	15
Elliot Lewis	3
Max Campbell	10
James Loader	3
Josh Gould	4
	W
James Mills	3
Ben Trott	5
Elliot Lewis	0
Max Campbell	2
James Loader	0
Josh Gould	1
	R
James Mills	67
Ben Trott	50
Elliot Lewis	21
Max Campbell	58
James Loader	21
Josh Gould	23
	W

	Runs
Max Campbell	21
James Medhurst	35
Sam Denby	23
David Draper	27
James Loader	2
Jake Guinan	4
Ben Trott	8
James Mills	5
Elliot Lewis	did not bat
Josh Gould	did not bat
Duncan Hardy	did not bat
Extras	(1b 1w 1nb)
Total	128
Bowlers	
Steven Rowe	0
Tim Smith	1
Gareth Meers	1
Andy Allon	0
Sam Newman	11
Tim Bishop	0
	W
Steven Rowe	20
Tim Smith	29
Gareth Meers	1
Andy Allon	23
Sam Newman	1
Tim Bishop	1

Whitstable 1st XI

	Runs
Max Campbell	21
James Medhurst	35
Sam Denby	23
David Draper	27
James Loader	2
Jake Guinan	4
Ben Trott	8
James Mills	5
Elliot Lewis	did not bat
Josh Gould	did not bat
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Extras	(1b 1w 1nb)
Total	128
Bowlers	
Steven Rowe	0
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KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI v OD CUACO 1st XI

BETTESHANGER Colliery Welfare moved up to second in Division Four after beating OD CUACO by three wickets on Saturday.

OD CUACO's batsmen played conservatively in testing conditions and had to put up with a lengthy delay due to rain. With wickets in hand they increased the scoring and in an effort to force a result, declared after passing 200.

Betteshanger looked to get on with the run chase quickly and a stand of 134 between Jamie and Joffy Towe proved decisive. Both fell late on but a third victory in four games was sealed in the 34th over.

Betteshanger will now look to extend their winning streak.

OD CUACO 1st XI

	Runs
David Mew	0
Ben Webster	21
Graham Ward	72
Aaron White	49
Toby Webster	6
Siva Sivarajan	1
Noorullah Naseri	did not bat
Liam Caddy	did not bat
Andrew Ainger	did not bat
Russell Newell	did not bat
Daniel Smedley	17
Extras	(10b 1lb 5w 1nb)
Total	201
Bowlers	
Andrew McNicolas	11
Clive Towe	9
Richard Ferrell	5
Clive Towe	5
Michael McNicolas	8
Martin Jones	2
Liam Collins	7
	W
Andrew McNicolas	4
Clive Towe	23
Richard Ferrell	35
Clive Towe	18
Michael McNicolas	38
Martin Jones	12
Liam Collins	38

Betteshanger Colliery Welfare 1st XI

	Runs
Clive Towe	4
Chris Garton	16
Jamie Towe	53
Joffy Towe	78
Liam Collins	4
Andrew McNicolas	6
Michael McNicolas	6
Darren Fletcher	11
Martin Jones	0
Richard Ferrell	0
John Brayne	0
Extras	(4b 8lb 5w 7nb)
Total	202
Bowlers	
Noorullah Naseri	9.2
Siva Sivarajan	9
Liam Caddy	5
Andrew Ainger	3
Daniel Smedley	3
Graham Ward	4

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Walmer 1st XI v Sidcup 1st XI

WALMER benefitted from a stroke of luck as rain rescued their faltering run chase against high-flying Sidcup.

Barry Green took three early wickets to leave Sidcup in trouble as they slumped to 75 for 6 at one stage. They were salvaged by a century stand between Tim Cook and Daniel Corbett before declaring on 204 for 9.

Walmer's batsmen also found conditions difficult and they were 66 for 5 before Daniel Giles steadied the innings with an unbeaten 73. With just four wickets remaining they were still facing a tough task to avoid defeat when the rain intruded.

Sidcup 1st XI

	Runs
Gary Williams	0
David Rolls	12
Norman Puckerin	20
Tim Dawes	0
Alex McCawley	3
Seetharam Krishnamurthy	21
Tim Cook	65
Daniel Corbett	54
Dan Dark	0
Thomas Beament	5
Faisal Zaman	did not bat
Extras	(14b 1lb 8w 1nb)
Total	204
Bowlers	
Connor McMillan	10
Barry Green	12
Andrew Cotton	14
Peter Huntley	6
Daniel Giles	6
	W
Connor McMillan	33
Barry Green	39
Andrew Cotton	48
Peter Huntley	31
Daniel Giles	38

Walmer 1st XI

	Runs
Marty North	4
Jared Bond	8
Andy Birkett	19
Daniel Giles	73
Connor McMillan	0
Rod Cotton	6
Graeme North	6
Andrew Cotton	2
Barry Green	did not bat
Eoin McGrath	did not bat
Peter Huntley	did not bat
Extras	(6b 6lb 3w)
Total	133
Bowlers	
Tim Dawes	7
Thomas Beament	6
Faisal Zaman	10
Dan Dark	7
Norman Puckerin	1
Seetharam Krishnamurthy	3
	W
Tim Dawes	23
Thomas Beament	28
Faisal Zaman	20
Dan Dark	28
Norman Puckerin	0
Seetharam Krishnamurthy	22

SCORE CARD

Sandwich Town 1st XI

	Runs
Craig Snell ct Malcolm b Forde	0
David Scoggins lbw b Malcolm	31
Stuart Smith not out	100
Vishal Singh ct Isles b Malcolm	11
Oliver Robinson ct Evans b Dayal	2
Tom Chapman run out	11
John Ewart st Spencer b Malcolm	5
Gavin Lawrence not out	4
Tom Dilnot-Smith did not bat	4
Matthew van Poppel did not bat	4
Craig Spanton did not bat	1
Extras (2b 3lb 2w 2nb)	9
Total (6 wickets, 30 overs)	173
Bowlers	
0	M
5	R
9	W
10	M
6	R
1	W

Beckenham 1st XI

	Runs
Chris Isles ct Smith b Chapman	18
Jason Billimoria ct Chapman b Spanton	1
Johan Malcolm lbw b Spanton	22
William MacVicar b Chapman	0
James Evans ct Chapman b Dilnot-Smith	31
Ollie Waite ct Smith b Dilnot-Smith	29
Simon Evans b van Poppel	6
Duncan Spencer not out	6
Ankit Patel lbw b van Poppel	5
Ashley Forde not out	8
Mudit Dayal did not bat	4
Extras (2lb 2w)	4
Total (8 wickets, 30 overs)	130
Bowlers	
0	M
11	R
7	W
10	M
4	R
1	W

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 2ND XI

Sandwich Town 2nd XI v Beckenham 2nd XI

SANDWICH Town 2nds slipped to their first defeat of the season as they lost at home to Beckenham 2nds by four wickets.

Batting first, the hosts' innings struggled to get off the ground and they were in a spot of trouble on 82 for 5. Gary Burgess (64) and Kevin Beaumont (56) revived Sandwich's hopes of posting a competitive score, eventually finishing on 219 for 9.

Jack Bradley took three early wickets but Charlie Le Bosquet hit 114, supported by a half-century from Matthew Burdy, to comfortably overhaul Sandwich's total.

Sandwich Town 2nd XI

	Runs
Scott Blackman ct Grice b Pitblado	16
Lawrence Hills lbw b McDowell	12
Daniel Burgess b McDowell	4
Gary Burgess b McDowell	64
David Scarr ct Carroll b Pitblado	9
James Bolt ct Bundy b Bundy	3
Kevin Beaumont b Jones	56
Daniel Evans ct Cashman b Jones	20
Connor Summers ct Carroll b Bundy	4
Jack Bradley not out	6
Colin Aldred not out	1
Extras (7b 6lb 11w)	24
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	219
Bowlers	
0	M
14	R
10	W
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15	R
2	W
2	M
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Ex-Barnet man named as new Crabble boss

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■ BY STEVE TERVET and TOM HOWARD

NEW Dover Athletic boss Ian Hendon says he doesn't intend to make wholesale changes to his squad ahead of next season.

The former Barnet manager was announced as Andy Hessenthaler's successor on Friday and has penned a one-year contract at Crabble. After only a few days in charge he is well underway with preparations for next season and believes he may only need to bring in a couple of fresh faces.

The 38-year-old, who was sacked by League Two side Barnet last month, cannot wait to start his tenure at Crabble and was instantly impressed with the club's set up. With only eight players contracted to Dover, he said talking to the club's out-of-contract players is the first task before dipping into the transfer market.

He said: "There are a few players who I want to have a chat with and I'm confident the players I want to keep will sign. I have an idea of what's here, I've watched Dover numerous times throughout this season and I have ideas of who I want to bring to the football club."

"I haven't come here to take the first job that's come along. I'm determined to succeed, I always have been as a player and I most defi-



SIGN YOUR NAME: Olly Schulz has committed to another season with Dover under new manager Ian Hendon (right)



nitely want to do that as a manager. Success here is promotion and that's what we're here to do. Everything at the club is geared up to move forward."

His first job as manager was to persuade influential defender Olly Schulz to pen a new one-year contract at Crabble. He joins Adam Birchall, Shaun Welford, Jake Marsh, James Rogers, Lee Hook, Ross Flitney and Nicky Southall on contracts at Dover.

Southall will also take up a new role as assistant manager which ends rumours suggesting he is to link up with Hessenthaler at Gillingham. The 38-year-old midfielder

replaces Darren Hare who left the club to take up a role as youth team manager at Gillingham after turning down a deal to remain as part of Dover's back room staff.

Hendon said: "I know Nicky well and he is my appointment. I could have brought in somebody new but Nicky already knows the players at the club and the set up at Dover. I'm looking forward to working with him."

Hendon is also in the process of setting up a number of pre-season friendlies. The club have only one game confirmed which will see former manager Hessenthaler bring his Gillingham side to Crabble on July 24.

Picture: IGOR KUPCO



DECISIVE ROLE: Martyn Beaumont played a part in the win

Sharks among Kent's victorious plate side

RUGBY

Kent 33 Warwickshire 27

FOUR Dover players were part of the victorious Kent side which lifted the Bill Beaumont County Championship Plate in a dramatic final at Blackheath on Saturday.

Sharks winger Ricky Mackintosh and fly-half Martyn Beaumont were named in the starting line-up against Warwickshire and played their part in the final, which saw Kent win in extra-time. Dover's Buster Collins and Ben Murray were also on the bench.

Kent made a positive start to the game with an early try and penalty but Warwickshire leveled the scores at the break.

Two quick-fire tries left Kent staring at a 27-10 score line in the second-half, but they responded quickly forcing the game into extra-time. Beaumont made a couple of decisive breaks which led to the pivotal moment of the game. A high tackle followed which awarded Kent a penalty and Tom White duly converted to clinch the championship.

FOOTBALL



EXCITING NEW ERA: Dover chairman Jim Parmenter is looking forward to a bright future under Ian Hendon

Chairman asks for promotion

DOVER chairman Jim Parmenter believes new boss Ian Hendon has a more difficult task ahead of him than his predecessor, but is confident he will succeed.

The Whites chairman made his appointment last week having sifted through 12 "really good" applications following the departure of Andy Hessenthaler more than two weeks ago.

Parmenter was eager to find a quick replacement and set the club's new manager the challenging task of earning promotion from Blue Square South next season. He also explained at a press conference on Friday that Hendon was only offered a one-year deal because of the speed of his appointment and the pair are expected to sit down in January to extend that deal.

Challenge

The chairman said: "Ian's task is probably harder than Andy's when he came to the club because we were at a much lower level then and the momentum was easier to get going. Ian's got a big challenge, but I know his attitude's good and we're going to be pushing for promotion."

"It wasn't something that was done in a hurry. I considered a lot of things and there were certainly three very promising applicants, but in the end I decided Ian was best. It was decided at interview. You don't read too much into CVs if you're interviewing for football managers. You interview the person and see what they're really like."

Parmenter has confirmed the new manager will be given the same budget as Hessenthaler and expects the new boss to become just as popular as his predecessor.

He said: "We've got a young, exciting manager who wants to play football. It's an era to look forward to."

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